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Rundown shops get new look in revamp

DILAPIDATED shop fronts in Halesowen have been repaired following a long-running campaign to rejuvenate the town centre.

The "eyesore" buildings on High Street, which house businesses including The Carpet Shop and Rainbow Café, have been repainted.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris welcomed the move, but said more needed to be done.

He said: "The paint above the shops was peeling badly, making the buildings look extremely scruffy and poorly maintained."

"As these shops are at the entrance to the main shopping area in Halesowen, the poor state of them created a terrible first impression for shoppers entering the town centre."

"Whilst it was frustrating that it took quite so long to get this work completed, and there is still more that needs to be done, the repairs have already improved the look of the top end of town."

It comes after a long exchange of letters, emails and phone calls between Mr Morris' office and Kewbridge Ltd.

Steve Fitzpatrick, chairman of Halesowen Chamber of Trade, said: "We have been trying for years to get the blue fronts of these shelters repainted and I am delighted that James has acted on our behalf to get the work done."

Firms could fund Metro

TRANSPORT chiefs in the Black Country say they may turn to businesses in the region to help pay for a £90 million Metro line from Wednesbury to Dudley.

Centro has said it is continuing to investigate funding options for the line extension alongside seven councils in the West Midlands.

It announced it could, in partnership with the local councils, use cash raised from rates paid by new businesses which would benefit from the line.

RETHINK URGED ON HIPPODROME

by Alex Ross

COUNCIL bosses are being urged to rethink their decision to demolish Dudley Hippodrome after rejecting calls to reopen the venue.

Council chiefs in Dudley have announced they will forge ahead with plans to knock down the former theatre as part of a wider scheme to regenerate the Castle Hill area.

Their decision comes after officers deemed a business case put forward by The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome to reopen the theatre as commercially unviable. The Theatres Trust has now called for a meeting with council officers to discuss potential options for the building in a bid to save it. Mark Price, planning and heritage adviser for the preservation group, said: "The key thing is keeping the building up, because once it has gone, it has gone, and theatres are not a cheap thing to build again."

Brutal pair given life for killing Shane

TWO men were have been jailed for life for the brutal murder of Shane Watson in a Sedgley alleyway.

Shylon Wishart must serve a minimum of 16 years and James Cartwright at least 13 for the sickening and "ferocious" fatal attack on the 23-year-old.

The pair showed now emotion as they were sentenced by Judge John Warner at Wolverhampton Crown Court for punching, kicking and stamping on the Wolves fan in the shocking killing.

Family members and friends of Mr Watson sat silent in court as the sentences were passed. His parents, Jane and Steven, were among those in court for the hearing last week.

Flanked by three security officers, the defendants fixed their eyes on the judge as he delivered his verdicts.

Judge Warner said the attack on Mr Watson was 'ferocious and he suffered 'gratuitous humiliation and considerable suffering' during the violence on July 28 last year. A seven-day trial heard that Wishart, 19, and 18-year-old Cartwright, targeted Mr Watson in the alleyway off Springfield Grove in Sedgley.

The two attackers stripped Mr Watson and took pictures of themselves urinating on him after they had beaten him.

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"This idea was not deemed viable, but we would want the building to be continue to be used for something else until, in a few years' time, another idea to turn it back into a theatre re-emerges."

Under the council's plan, it would be knocked down for a temporary car park before being potentially replaced with a leisure attraction.

Geoff Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Friends group, is meeting council officers on Wednesday to discuss the failed business plan. He said: "We want to know why our plan was not viable."

Disappointed

"Plenty of work and research went into it, and we believed we had a very good case. Of course we are disappointed, but the fight will go on."

The self-styled Duchess of Dudley, Lizzie Wiggins, added her name to the list of entertainers opposed to the knocking down of the building.

As a teenager, she worked opposite the attraction as a receptionist at the Station Hotel. She said: "It was incredible – the names we used to get was amazing, the whole place was buzzing, and it was a joy to be around."

"I thought it was bad when they turned it into a bingo hall, but now for a car park? Terrible."

Councillor Les Jones led the council decision to buy the former Hippodrome when he was the cabinet member for regeneration in 2010. He was then leader of the council when plans were first drawn up to demolish it the following year.

He said: "The building had stood idle for many years, no-one noticed it, it was attracting drug users – it was only when the council decided to take action that a campaign was started."

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New dance classes are kicking



Instructor Hayley Guest with students, from left, Judith Teather, Margie Priest and Sharmen Payton at the new dance company which is proving to be popular

A NEW dance company for has been set up in Halesowen. Spindle Collective is based at Lutley Community Centre, Brookwillow Road, and has been created by dance coaches, Hayley Guest, aged 29, of Hunt- ingtree and Jodie Roberts, 30, of Quarry Bank. Classes cover styles including salsa and Bollywood and the group is already

becoming popular with people over the age of 50, who have their own footloose dance sessions every Thursday from 11am until 12pm. A performance academy will be held for youngsters aged 8-11 on May 30 and 31 from 10am to 3pm and Miss Guest said she is also planning a dance fun day.

For more information call 07794 491489.

Mayor has cone extra mile in ice cream row

FOUR holidaymakers from Dudley will be offered a free ice cream when they return to Rome later this month – in the wake of the storm over their pricey bill.

Roger, Wendy, Stephen and Joyce Bannister, from Wordsley have accepted an offer from the city's mayor for an all-expenses paid VIP trip.

They will be guests of Mayor Gianni Alemanno, who has made the gesture as an apology to the family for being charged a £54 for four ice cream cones in the Italian capital.

The Italian mayor's representative, Antonio Gazzallone, Rome Town Council's special delegate for tourism, has been liaising with Roger to arrange for him, his wife, Wendy and brother, Stephen and sister-in-law Joyce, of Sandringham Road, Wordsley, to fly back to Rome for a free ice cream.

The two couples, who were charged 64 euros (£54) for their ice cream from a shop near the Spanish Steps, Rome, will be put up in a hotel by the Mayor from May 22 to 25.

Roger Bannister said: "The Mayor wants to say sorry for what happened."

'Cop Shop' permanent

A TEMPORARY 'Cop Shop' in Halesowen has been made permanent for one day a week following its success.

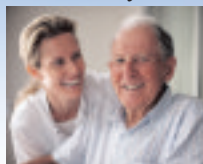
Officers will hold the shop next to the 99p Store in the Cornbow Centre, Halesowen every Saturday from 10am to 3.30pm.

The team use the stand to offer crime prevention support and advice to residents and businesses.

It also gives people chance to report crimes swiftly.

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Engineer turns up heat on illegals

A HEATING engineer from Dudley turned crimefighter when he saw 12 illegal immigrants trying to get into Britain in the back of a freezer lorry. Grandfather Roger Furnell, aged 52, was stuck in traffic on the M1 beside a lorry with a German number plate when he heard loud banging noises from inside.

He then moved his car behind the seven-tonne truck and called police after spotting the back doors moving

as if someone was trying to get out.

Mr Furnell, of Withymoor Village, Brierley Hill, was then asked to follow the lorry for two junctions before police took over and pulled the truck into Watford Gap services in Northamptonshire – where they found the illegal immigrants inside.

The incident happened as Mr Furnell, who works for RHP Heating in Enville Street, Stourbridge, was returning from a job in Hertford-

shire. It is not the first time he has helped police – 10 years ago he chased off three men who attempted a car-jacking in Dudley town centre.

He said: "I seem to have a habit of being in the right place at the right time – or is that the wrong place at the wrong time?"

"I was stuck in traffic and I could not believe how loud the noise was coming from the lorry. I thought it was a train going over tracks nearby,

but it obviously wasn't, so I went behind the lorry to check it. I saw the doors flexing as if someone was trying to get out.

"Whoever it was appeared to be knocking seven bells of hell out of the lorry. It may have been whoever was inside thought the lorry had come to a stop or it was getting cold inside. Whatever it was, I decided to call the police." Mr Furnell later received a call thanking him for his help.

Ex-staff of Simon looking for help

FORMER employees of a closed engineering firm have asked for £5,000 of public money to build a monument to commemorate their work.

Almost 400 people worked at the Simon Engineering plant in Queen's Cross, Dudley from 1953 to 1975, and then in Pensnett Road, Holly Hall until it closed in 1995.

The firm is famous for building hydraulic platforms, including the Simon Snorkle, which is still seen on fire engines, rescue vehicles and aeroplane ice removers.

Members of the Simon Engineering Retirement Association now plan to put up a monument outside where the Holly Hall factory once stood, and have asked Dudley Council for funding.

Mayor Melvyn Mottram worked for the firm for 22 years. "Simon Engineering was Dudley, and Dudley was Simon Engineering," he said. "The operations in the town was like a family, everyone knew everyone – it was a great place."

Club seeks to move on

The Halesowen gymnastics club which trained Olympic medal-winner Kristian Thomas is trying to bounce back after losing almost £300,000 funding and a much-needed move to bigger premises across the town.

Earls Gymnastics Club had its planned move to the former Wheel Spin go-karting track in Dudley Road was scrapped at the eleventh hour.

This meant the club also lost a £281,000 grant awarded by British Gymnastics, which had to be used for a relocation of the club by the end of March.

Chairman Jon Caulwell said the club had applied for a new grant from the National Association of Gymnastics, while it also worked on new plans for a move away from its base at Earls High School.

Fair at church

ST Peter's Church in Kent Street, Upper Gornal will be holding a fair from 10.30am-2.30pm this Saturday. The theme for the fair will be Old Gornal and there will be refreshments, face painting, plants and books on sale.

God, dog and beauty tips to boost patients

A DOG, gospel singers and manicurists are being brought in to make stays at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital better for patients.

Staff are trying to improve patient experience at the site and have been working with the Kissing it Better charity to invite community volunteers and groups into the hospital to entertain patients.

Students from Dudley College have been providing hand massages and make-up for female patients.

While Buster the dog from Pets as Therapy has also been making visits to the wards.

Bosses have also introduced welcome leaflets to each ward containing important information such as visiting times, mealtime routines, uniforms who's who and ward contact numbers both for relatives and in case of health concerns once patients go home.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "Feedback from patients has also informed us that we could make improvements around accessibility."

Wheelchairs

"With patients' help we have drawn up an action plan and have, so far, ordered 30 more wheelchairs for main reception and worked on our hearing loops system, including a portable hearing loops that departments can access as and when needed."

"We gather feedback from our inpatients via our Friends and Family Test in which we ask all patients who are being discharged whether they would recommend the service they had received to a friend and family in their hour of need."

"Patients are asked to rate us on a scale of 0-10 and offer suggestions where they think improvements could be made."

The hospital is also looking at revamping its food service with pre-packed individual meals.

Vital talks on designs for £120m trade park

DEVELOPERS bidding to build a £120 million business park in Coseley are holding crunch talks with council bosses as they draw up final designs.

A 66-acre site would be transformed with business units, a supermarket and a wholesale warehouse, which could create up to 1,300 jobs.

A community hall and full-sized football pitch would be included in work. Business units would be built for existing and new firms.

Outline planning permission for the scheme, on an area stretching between Birmingham New Road and Sedgley Road West, was granted last summer.

The site's owner Skelton Group Investments is now working on more detailed plans which is said would be submitted, on a piecemeal basis.

Spokesman Phil Stanier said: "We are working to bring the scheme forward as soon as possible. There is a lot of work going on behind the scene and we are in talks with the council. We will be submitting separate proposals for separate parts of the site after this." The scheme has received mixed responses from the community.

Raising cash fit for hospital



Class member Ann Bedworth, left, and instructor Jean Hughes with other members

A FITNESS group has been piling up the pounds at the same time as losing them – raising £2,500 for a hi-tech scanner at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley.

Members of the keep fit class, run by 75-year-old Jean Hughes at Wordsley Community Centre, have been working to raise the cash since January.

Donations have been made by the 90-strong group and they have also staged events, including raffles, to bring in the much-needed funds. It will be put towards

the scanner for the hospital's urology department to assist in the treatment of prostate patients.

Mrs Hughes, who has run the group for nearly 40 years, said some of the members' husbands were patients at the department.

The class has raised cash for charities in the past and they decided to support the department this year.

Mrs Hughes said the class had, at last count, raised around £114,000 for charities across the community.

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MPs will hand back £484,000

MPs have agreed to hand back more than £484,000 of profits from taxpayer-funded homes.

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (Ipsa), set up in the wake of the expenses scandal, has detailed repayments by 29 politicians.

The watchdog moved to ban the use of Commons expenses to pay mortgage interest in May 2010, in the wake of public fury over 'flipping' and other abuses.

However, transitional arrangements were put in place permitting MPs elected before 2010 to keep claiming the money up to last August – as long as they agreed to return any potential capital gain.

No MPs from the Black Country or Staffordshire were asked to pay money back but Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden was revealed to have claimed £14,137.48 in mortgage interest costs between 2010 and 2012, during the transitional period.

Some 71 MPs received £926,000 in allowances for mortgage interest during the transition period. The properties were formally valued at the beginning and the end, and the MPs were given until November 30 to return a proportion of any gain.

Memorabilia at libraries

MEMORABILIA packs containing copies of newspapers with major events and collections themed on days gone by are now available for loan from Dudley libraries.

The 26 individual packs cover themes such as the 1950s, a 1960s childhood, the RAF at war and Christmas past.

Newspapers available include those covering the Queen's coronation in 1953, the Battle of Britain in 1940 and Victory in Europe in 1945.

For further information call Sue Harper on 01384 818360.

Visit over noise

THE chief executive of a train firm is to visit a Dudley railway station after residents complained about noise. It comes after Stourbridge's MP Margot James presented a petition signed by more than 170 residents who live by the Stourbridge Junction station to the chief executive of Chiltern Railways Rob Brighouse.

Heart attack killed daughter, 31, in her sleep



Stephanie Clift

A YOUNG hospital worker died from a heart attack as she slept – just five months after being devastated by the death of her father.

Stephanie Clift, aged 31, a popular member of staff on the Georgina cancer unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, had been diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat and had problems controlling her weight and smoking.

Her brother Mark, aged 34, had to break into her house and found her dead after the family became concerned when she did not respond to phone calls. Miss Clift's heartbroken

mother, Patricia Clift, said: "In my own mind I had an idea her death was down to this irregular heartbeat.

"I put it down to the strain of her job and of losing her dad."

Miss Clift's father Alexander died in April 2012 from complications of diabetes at the age of 64.

On December 9, Miss Clift, of Cradley, who had been diagnosed with the irregular heartbeat, known as arrhythmia, as a child, was found dead in her bed.

Mrs Clift, of Inkberrow Road in Halesowen, said she had spent the previous evening with her daughter,

sharing a meal, a chat and watching TV. She described the clinical support worker as 'tired' and said she had needed a 20-minute nap during the evening but had 'livened up' later.

Mrs Clift added: "With the irregular heartbeat she had and the hours she worked at the hospital, she always seemed a bit tired."

Miss Clift had worked at the hospital for almost three years and often covered 12 hour shifts, her mother said. Despite this, she loved her job and had saved enough to put down a deposit

on her own flat, moving in during June 2011.

When Stephanie left her mother on December 9 about 10.15pm, she was reminded to return early for Sunday lunch the following day.

Mrs Clift recalled: "She said 'I'm off now mum' and I said 'bye, sweet, see you tomorrow' and that was the last I heard from her."

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain, recording a verdict of natural causes, said the death was due to unexpected cardiac arrest caused by arrhythmia.

Dismay over decision that Hippodrome will be levelled

AN ENTERTAINER and an academic from the Black Country have reacted with dismay to the decision to pull down the former Dudley Hippodrome.

Dudley Council has agreed to go ahead with its plans to demolish the venue on Castle Hill after snubbing a business case by campaigners to reopen the attraction.

Council leader David Sparks described the campaigners plan as unviable and said the council would move forward with a proposal to knock the site down and replace it with a car park.

The decision was made despite an 18-month campaign by the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome – led by Geoff Fitzpatrick and supported by more than 6,000 people.

The group, also backed by the Theatre Trust, gained access to the Hippodrome and carried out in-depth research before placing a business case to the council to reopen it.

Now, entertainers and historians voiced deep disappointment at the decision, describing it as a 'blow for the heritage of the West Midlands'.

Audience

Black Country comic Alan 'Aynuk' Smith was in the audience to see Laurel and Hardy and Bob Hope at the Hippodrome as a child.

Other stars to appear on the venue's stage before it closed in 1964 were Judy Garland, Bing Crosby and Tommy Cooper.

Mr Smith, aged 75, from Netherton, said: "I feel very sad because I do think we need a theatre of that calibre."

"The ones we have in Dudley either do not have the capacity or are not designed for proper stage shows – it will be a big shame when it is knocked down."

"It is all down to austerity, I really do believe it could have been the centre of entertainment for the West Midlands."

"The place was magic – but it does not surprise me. We are losing so many good things from the past, it is all down to finance."

Black Country historian Professor Carl Chinn met with the campaigners and saw their business plan, which he described as solid and not based on hope. He said: "I am deeply disappointed and feel this marks a blow for the heritage of the West Midlands, particularly for the people of Dudley – this is a sad day."

"The campaigners in my view put forward a solid, strong and exciting case and I feel this decision to reject it will be regretted by the council in future years."



The former Dudley Hippodrome building in Castle Hill, Dudley, which campaigners would have liked to see restored



Aynuk, alias Alan Smith

"The decision to knock down an eye-catching building which could have been used for community purposes, for meeting rooms, for charity events, to go ahead and do that and knock it down – words fail me." He added: "I would like to record my appreciation to the campaigners because I feel they worked so hard to create a business case which was not just based on hope, but busi-



The Dudley Hippodrome from October 1970

ness projection and proper research." Following the Hippodrome's closure, the building was transformed into a bingo hall, but this closed in September 2009.

A year later Dudley Council purchased the site as part of its regeneration scheme in Castle Hill to increase visitors to Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Museum.

Former council leader Les Jones soon



Professor Carl Chinn

unveiled plans to knock the building down, before the campaign by the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome was started up in December 2011.

The group submitted its final version of a business plan to the council in November. The council received an assessment report by a consultancy firm on the case last month, before it came to its decision.

NEWS in brief

Charity knitting sisters need wool

TWO sisters who have raised more than £37,000 for charity by knitting are appealing for more wool.

Yvonne Smart, aged 55, from Kingswinford, and Cathy Glear, a 59-year-old fosterer, from Netherton, helped by around 20 volunteers, knit and sell goods for the Midlands Air Ambulance. Their wares are on sale in Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, and because of great demand, they need more wool.

To donate visit www.midlandsairambulance.com, or call 0800 840 2040.

Ex-leader parts with Tory group

A FORMER council leader in Dudley has resigned from the borough's Conservative group amid a row over national politics 'dominating the council chamber'.

Councillor Les Jones, who will now stand as an Independent Conservative, said he had become fed up with local issues taking a backseat during debates.

"I've seen the growing trend of national politics dominating local business in the chamber. I don't believe in this."

School team in final of awards

THE upper school team from Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School, Love Lane, Stourbridge are in the finals of the 2013 Pearson Teaching Awards.

Their nomination is in the school team of the year for their innovative morning modules, which included bow-making. The modules aim to inspire creativity. Winners will be announced on May 17.

Online manual for police officers

WEST Midlands Police officers will be able to access an online handbook that provides them with information on custody procedures and interview techniques.

The force recently renewed its subscription to the Police Visual Handbook, with information on law and codes of practice.

MP gives backing

DUDELEY South MP Chris Kelly has welcomed the new Technical Baccalaureate, announced by the Government. It combines a vocational qualification, a core maths qualification and an extended project to text literacy skills.

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THE BEST
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RHODES

JUST back from five days in Rome, I encounter a curious phenomenon which tends to happen after holidays. The bathroom scales have malfunctioned.

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I USED to travel a lot but it takes only a couple of Boeing-free years to forget the first rule of being abroad: The friendlier the locals seem, the more careful you should be. In the Via Cavour, like an idiot, I nodded vaguely at some grinning waiter's offer of "a very special wine for you" and was landed with an £18 bill for a half-bottle of dismal plonk before you could say Rimini. Later, a fawning café manager, smarming around the tables like a buttered snail, became our new best friend and offered me a complimentary glass of grappa. Examining the bill later, we found my free drink cost me £5. Lessons? Agree to nothing until you have seen the menu. Always ask for the "official receipt," not the scribbled scrap they prefer. And always decline the bread basket (no pane, grazie), unless you seriously want to pay £3 for four slices.

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MY indignation at getting ripped off was made much more bearable by the usually canny Mrs Rhodes's purchase of a tiny travel torch from a Roman shopkeeper. He smiled sweetly and rooked her for £10. It reminded me of the old guide to haggling in foreign parts: If they ask 10, they mean eight, so they want six and it's worth four, so you offer two. It rarely works but it's fun.

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WE WERE in Rome at the same time as Roger Banister and three other Brits from Wordsley, Stourbridge who hit the headlines this week for being charged £54 for four portions of ice-cream. A Rome city councillor has described it as a scandal but the ice-cream stall owner, utterly unrepentant, says: "No-one forced them to order big ice-creams." True enough. And no-one forces tourists to go to Rome. The city's economy is stagnant and the Romans desperately need tourist money. It doesn't take too many stories like Roger Banister's to make other trippers decide to go elsewhere.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Jail for gang members who left their victims terrified

by John Scott

THE raids were over in minutes but the terror will live with their victims for years.

The hooded and masked gang burst or smashed their way into shops in the Black Country and Staffordshire wielding an axe and screaming abuse and threats.

They vaulted the serving counter as shocked staff, customers and even children covered for cover, then tore cigarettes from the display cabinets and hurled the packets into dustbins and collapsible laundry bags.

The thugs also grabbed cash before fleeing in a getaway car. They deliberately targeted convenience stores mainly staffed by women and struck around opening or closing time when fewer staff were on duty. One shop had already shut so they drove their car through the locked front door tearing it off its hinges.

Significant

Shops at 24-hour garages were also hit along with a branch of JD Sports where £6,280 of clothing was stolen. Terrified women staff and customers at the stores were warned they would be 'cut' or killed if they did not follow orders.

Mr Gareth Walters, prosecuting, said: "The choice of an axe was significant because this had a much greater capacity to terrify than something like a simple iron bar. Many people, staff and customers were very frightened." A gang struck 22 times between May 24 and September 22 last year escaping with at least £56,000 of cigarettes and £12,500 cash Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week as four members were jailed. They admitted various involvement in eight of them – and not all were linked to all of those – but there was 'strong evidence' of a close association between them, the court heard. Anthony Everitt, aged 35, was the raider with the axe when he struck with at least two



A CCTV image shows a raider loading cigarettes into a laundry bag

other unidentified masked men at the Tesco Express, Dudley Road, Halesowen, at 9pm on August 21.

Jake Williams, 22, Stuart Plant, 23, and other masked men armed with an axe and hammer robbed the Spa in Castle Street, Coleley, at 8.30pm on September 11 and the pair were in the gang that struck again later the same day at Tesco Express in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, at 11pm after it had been locked up for the night.

Williams is the only crook known to be

involved in the terrifying attack on the shop at Murco petrol station on Bloomfield Road, Tipton, at 3am on September 16. Three days later he was in the team that kicked in a window at 3am before bursting into the shop of Shelfield Service Station, Lichfield Road, Walsall. Williams, from Meldon Drive, Bilston, Everitt, 35, of Wallace Road, and Stuart Plant, 24, from Daley Road, both Bradley, each admitted conspiring with others to commit robberies. Williams was jailed for eight years eight months after



Andrew Scanlon



Anthony Everitt



Jake Williams



Stuart Plant

admitted taking part in a further five raids in 11 days while Everitt confessed to involvement in two more and was given seven years three months. Plant also pleaded guilty to being on two further robberies and was sent to prison for six years four months.

Andrew Scanlon, of Oak Road, Tipton, admitted robbing the Dudley Co-op and was sentenced to four years. Binning, aged 33 of Pond Lane, Parkfields, who ran Bloomfield convenience pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods and was jailed for two years.

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'Suits' idea for gowns at hospital

OUTPATIENTS could be given 'suits' similar to medical scrubs instead of traditional gowns at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, under new plans.

Staff have been looking to replace the gowns, which tie at the back and are considered by many to be too revealing.

They are currently providing 'double gowns' to patients to protect their modesty when they visit the hospital for tests and x-rays. But staff are now looking at alternatives to make people feel more comfortable.

In-patients, who do not take their own nightwear, are already provided with uni-sex pyjamas if they want them.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "Our patients' privacy and dignity is very important to the Dudley Group and we are looking into the practicalities of introducing suits similar to medical scrubs worn by theatre staff to replace double gowning."

"At present, patients who require an x-ray, CT scan, MRI scan or fluoroscopy are given two gowns to ensure their dignity is respected at all times."

Tom is champion

A STUDENT from Halesowen College has been named apprenticeship champion in recognition of his efforts at a Dudley lift company. Tom Harris, aged 20, works at Lift and Engineering Services, Cradley Heath and is now the champion for the Dudley area.

Sentences not long enough say victim's grieving family

THE heartbroken family of Shane Watson said the minimum sentences his killers were given were not long enough. Judge John Warner ordered Shylon Wishart to serve a minimum of 16 years and James Cartwright at least 13, in custody.

But Mr Watson's cousin Scott Maher-Butler said the whole family had been upset by the length of the minimum terms and had been hoping the pair would have to serve longer. "We weren't very happy with the amount of time they got - but then the sentence is never going to be long enough," he said. "Everyone is very upset at the moment."



Murder victim, popular Shane Watson

A seven-day trial heard that Wishart and Cartwright, targeted Mr Watson in the alleyway off Springfield Grove in Sedgley.

Mr Watson's battered body was discovered in the alleyway by his mother Jane and girlfriend Kelly Handley.

Sector crown prosecutor Martin Lindop, said he hoped the sentencing would at least bring 'a sense of closure' to Mr Watson's friends and family.

He added: "This is an extremely tragic case of a young man who had become separated from his girlfriend after a night out in Dudley, and who then had the misfortune of coming across two evil and dangerous men in the form of Cartwright and Wishart who were both high on drugs and alcohol and it seems were looking for trouble that night."

Cigarette

"The two men approached Mr Watson on the premise of asking for a cigarette, but instead they launched a ferocious and unprovoked attack on him resulting in Mr Watson receiving serious head injuries from which he would later die."

"Not content with this heinous crime, the pair then stole Mr Watson's mobile telephone and other personal effects, and as Mr Watson's girlfriend and mother tried to contact him, the pair answered the phone and began to taunt and boast to them as to what they had done to him."

Detective Inspector Nigel Harrison, who initially led the investigation, said: "We hope the family can have some sense of closure following their terrible loss."



Shylon Wishart



James Cartwright

Eye on the tigers at exhibition



From left, Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock, Head of Media and Communications Jill Hitchman, wildlife photographer Phil Brooks and Talvinder Chohan at the launch

AN exhibition of photographs offering a snapshot of the past year for two tigers at Dudley Zoo has been launched.

The Year of The Tigers is on display on an outdoor gallery, which spans the upper and lower levels of the Tecton big cat enclosure.

It shows images taken by photographer Talvinder Chohan of tigresses Tschuna and Daseep.

The zoo's head of media and communications, Jill Hitchman, said: "Talvinder has

been working on a tiger conservation project with our media team since December and his photographs so capture the spirit of our two female tigers that we wanted to share his work with our visitors."

Talvinder, a biologist, from Birmingham, said: "I have always wanted to have my own exhibition; I can't believe that dream has come true and especially for it to be on tigers, it's just perfect, I can't thank Dudley Zoo staff enough."

NEWS in brief

US flag will fly as tribute in city run

THE stars and stripes will be put up on the route of Wolverhampton Marathon and participants asked to salute it as they pass to pay tribute to the victims of the Boston bombings.

Organisers say they want to remember the runners who lost their lives or were injured when the US city was hit by a double bomb blast.

Wolverhampton Marathon's Planning Committee will respect the victims of the attacks by planting the US flag outside Aldersley Stadium.

Heads team up for new scheme

HEADTEACHERS from schools across the borough, Halesowen College and the University of Worcester have launched a new scheme.

Pupils from Leasowes, Hillcrest and Wordsley schools have been taking part in 'gifted and talented' taster days at the college and university.

The groups are learning skills including film making, mathematics, geography, English, German and history.

Cash for repairs

URGENT repairs have been carried out at a social club to make the building safer. Wribbenhall Social Club, Bewdley, received a grant of £1,860 from Biffa Award to pay for the work. The club is in a wooden building but some of it had started to rot.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW

WITH
MARK
ANDREWS

HERE'S one for the technically savvy, cost-conscious music lovers among you.

The financial website love-money.com reports on an exciting new way to listen to music, and all completely free of charge.

"The Twitter app analyses tweets to decide what music users will like. You can also see what kind of music your favourite artists are listening to and find out about emerging 'artists' which are 'hidden in the tweets'," it tells us.

Apparently, the 'Twitter app' lets you listen to a preview of a song, but to hear it in full you'll have to go to Spotify, Rdio or iTunes.

Now, I have no idea what any of that means, but it does sound good. Learn it off by heart and recite it in the right circles, and you will boost your street cred no end as a young, happening dude with your finger on the pulse of modern culture and technology. However, I can foresee one or two problems.

First of all, while I don't know precisely what a 'Twitter app' is, I am fairly certain it requires either a computer or one of those funny phones with a touch-screen the size of a television. For those who own neither, this 'free music' does not sound very free at all.

But secondly, I don't think this is actually very new. I have had a small portable device which allows me to listen to unlimited free music for many years.

It's called a radio.

WHO'D be David Moyes, eh? Well in a job where some managers make millions simply by getting the sack, quite a few of us actually.

But while he has achieved remarkable things in his 11 years at Everton, he will find expectations much higher at Manchester United.

Those fans in the Home Counties are notoriously hard to please.

INCIDENTALLY, Sir Alex Ferguson was presented with a gold watch to mark his retirement. In a blistering farewell speech, he complained it was seven minutes fast.

TALKING of gold, did you clock the bling Prince Charles was wearing at the State opening of Parliament?

Given that, unlike his father and younger brother Andrew, he has never been decorated for war service, one does wonder how he has earned all those medals. Maybe he bought them off Gordon Brown when he was selling our gold off cheap.

Perhaps it gives us a clue to how the Government is going to fund all those promises made during the Queen's speech. Charlie's off to Cash Converters.

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LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

Injured footballer who still delivers

Determined delivery boy Keegan was not going to let a broken leg stop people getting their Chronicle as CHARLOTTE LILLEY explains

AFTER breaking your leg in two places the last thing you would want to do is deliver 170 newspapers, but that is exactly what one 16-year-old from Wolverhampton has been doing for the last two months.

Keegan Leary of Brook Close in Coven, has high hopes of becoming a professional footballer and has been playing for PRD United, which is managed by his father Andrew, since the age of seven.

But after a tackle during the last 10 seconds of a crucial cup final game against Shire Oak in December last year, his dreams were shattered.

The Codsall Football Academy student was rushed to hospital where his worst fears were confirmed, he had broken his fibula, tibia and shattered his shin.

Doctors said it would be a year before he would be able to play again and told him to forget about delivering the Wolverhampton Chronicle each week, something which he has been doing since the age of 13.

Heartbreaking

Keegan says: "I was devastated. I knew my injuries were serious because I was in a lot of pain. I had to have an operation where plates were put in my ankle and I had screws inserted where my joint was. It was a nasty break.

"Doctors told me I would be out of football for a long time which was heartbreaking to hear because I had been playing really well up until then.

"To add insult to injury, I wasn't able to deliver the Wolverhampton Chronicle on my paper round which I have been doing for almost four years. I always make sure I deliver the paper whether it is raining, snowing or sunny outside, so I was really fed up.

After a few of months indoors on crutches, Keegan decided it was time to get back outside delivering the newspaper.

He started off by delivering to a few



Keegan enjoys his normal weekly newspaper round

houses at first with the help of his parents, but as his leg began to heal, he was able to deliver to up to three streets at a time.

He says: "My mum and dad had been delivering the paper for me while I was recovering but I was glad to start doing it again. A lot of the people I deliver to had been asking where I was and one lady even gave me a card.

"Delivering the Chronicle really cheered me up. It took my mind off football and gave me something to do that I enjoyed. I always read the paper, particularly the sport section to keep up to date with what is going on in football and I really enjoy going on my rounds because



Talented - Keegan with some of his footballing trophies



So grateful - Keegan with his mum and dad, Alison and Andrew

it brings in a bit of money which is important for young people my age.

"I think my parents were worried that I was doing too much too soon and were concerned about how heavy the bag was going to be, but I knew I could do it."

Surprised

Keegan's mother Alison says: "I think Keegan's dad and I were more frightened about the break than he was. We were a bit reluctant about him doing his paper round in case the bag was too heavy for him but he was adamant that it was something he wanted to do.

"He has been delivering the Chronicle since he was 13. It's great because it brings in money for him"

Keegan, whose father Andrew also works in the Chronicle's distribution department, has since started physiotherapy and is hoping to be back on the pitch when footballing season begins again in September.

He says: "I was given the all clear and told everything was looking good last month. I have since started physio which is helping me a lot.

"I think I have surprised doctors at how fast I have recovered. It is probably my eagerness to get back out there and back to normal which has helped. I have recently started football training again.

"My parents have been great all the way through."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

THE West Midlands was at the centre of the General Election battle after Labour deputy leader Denis Healey accused the Prime Minister of wrecking the region. At a crowded meeting at West Bromwich town hall, Mr Healey said Mrs Thatcher had given the area the lowest standard of living in the country.

A 13TH century house in Wombourne was turned into a country pub for the television cameras. The Wodehouse was used by Central Television as a backdrop for the comedy series The Other 'A'.

A BILSTON man slammed Wolverhampton council's promise to collect garden waste for pensioners as "a load of rubbish." Joseph Perrins said he had waited three months for the refuse depot to remove eight bags of leaves from his garden.

1993...

A MAJOR campaign was launched to save free travel passes for nearly half a million pensioners in the region. West Midlands PTA and the Pensioners' Convention joined forces in an attempt to persuade the government to change the way it funded public transport.

UNEMPLOYMENT figures in Wolverhampton soared past the 20,000 mark, confirming its reputation as the jobs blackspot of the West Midlands. Council chiefs blamed the figures on a sharp decline in the region's manufacturing sector.

A PERTON pensioner was reunited with his sister - 53 years after his family was split up by the Russian invasion of Poland. Jan Bobrownicki was delighted to meet his sister Irena, having been told his family were all dead after he arrived in Britain in 1947.

2003...

A WOLVERHAMPTON mechanic swapped his spanner for hot water and towels when his partner gave birth in his living room. Greg Owen followed phone instructions from a midwife as he helped to deliver his 9lb 3oz daughter Katie Anne.

A WOLVERHAMPTON City Council payroll clerk put her calculator away - after almost 50 years with the authority. Joyce Durkin retired as the council's longest-serving member of staff having joined the payroll department in 1953.

THE DRINK that first whetted Brits' appetites for lager faced a sharp exit after brewery bosses announced it was winding down production. Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries, which brewed and distributed Harp, announced the tipple would only be available in a limited number of pubs.

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He had attended this clinic on the 17th as originally arranged without any problem. Even if it had to be changed it was a little late in the day to inform him.

He always has to wait for an appointment to come by post following his visits as do my husband and I, cannot help but wonder why. Surely it would be more cost effective to make a yearly appointment at the time of

attending and only write if it has to be changed (in plenty of time of course).

I know some will probably forget, but it can only be a benefit to those who do attend and have all been booked at the same time.

With the high cost of postage these days it does not take long to build up a huge bill for genuine letters, but if mistakes like this are made on a regular basis, (and they are it seems) it is just a complete waste of NHS funds.

JENNY JAMES
Dock Road
Wordsley

Vile man should be charged on deaths

JAMES McCormick has been jailed for 10 years for selling useless golf ball detectors as bomb detectors.

These detectors were not fit for purpose, and this vile man knew it.

Lots of people must have died because of this man lining his pockets, knowing they were not what he said they were.

Being charged with fraud is not enough, 10 years is not enough. This man should also be charged with manslaughter. These so called bomb detectors gave a false sense of security to those using them in Iraq.

The money he has stashed away should be taken away and given to all those people who have suffered because of explosions from bombs, that were not detected, because of this man's greed.

He knew what he was doing, has he no shame?

EILEEN TRACEY
Booth Close
Kingswinford

God's angels on hospital wards

I FEEL I must tell of my experience on the Georgina unit C-4 Ward 2 at Russell's Hall Hospital. The Nurses and staff are second to none. In my three week stay I never saw one frown or long face. Nothing was too much trouble. There are two words that come to mind - God's angels.

Thanks again C-Ward for making my recovery pleasant and happy.

JOHN HINGLEY
Dudley

Frustration at process of applying for a badge

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MRS JOYCE BERRY
Dudley

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Every victim should be treated equally

CAN some apologist please explain to me why so much special emphasis has been placed on Stephen Lawrence ever since his murder 20 years ago?

He is only one of thousands of victims of racially motivated murder and violence (many of them white), most of whom don't have a plaque marking where they were attacked and most of whom haven't had a memorial service attended by sycophantic politicians and others.

All those who keep going on about Stephen Lawrence need to be reminded of just three examples of the numerous other murders that have taken place. Such as the murder of a young soldier in Birmingham by a gang of black youths; the murder of a white youth in Cambridgeshire by a gang of Asians and, of course, the hacking to death of PC Blakelock on Broadwater Farm estate in London.

Any violent attack, whatever the outcome and whatever the colour or creed of the victim, is worthy of equal coverage and equal condemnation because all of the victims are equally important to their friends, their family and to a caring society.

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NEWS

Free car parking boost for market misses target

A FREE car parking trial aimed at boosting trade at a Brierley Hill market has instead improved business for town centre shops, market chiefs have said.

Bosses at Concord Market say while the initiative has benefited shopkeepers, the scheme have not proved as fruitful for stall-holders.

They are now pulling together feedback from business owners before considering whether to make the trial permanent.

Market owner Shane Birch-Bastock said the trial ran for two months at its 70-space car park behind the indoor market off High Street.

He said: "A lot of the shop keepers in that end of town said it improved their trade but the market traders here say they didn't really notice too much difference."

"In an ideal world if all the car parks in Brierley Hill did it then it wouldn't have been so bad and it would benefit the town."

"But with just one car park it's not really fair." He said customers would also be asked for their views on the scheme before a decision is made. "We're looking at surveys and numbers at the moment."

Mr Birch-Bastock, also head of the Brierley Hill Traders' Association, had been inspired to trial the free parking to boost trade, amid news that, with 29.6 per cent of shops empty, the town had one of the worst-performing retail scenes of any small town in the country. Mr Birch-Bastock, said his car-park, which is between Venture Way and Mill Street, was the last in the town to start charging for parking in 2004 and it was a decision he made reluctantly.

Bus trip to bird centre

THE Bumble Hole Conservation Centre is running a bus trip to Slimbridge Wetland Centre for keen conservationists. The trip is in aid of the Downey Duckling Week and is on May 30. The bus leaves from the car park at the centre in Netherton at 9.30am and leaves Slimbridge at 4pm.

Mya steps up the cash



Mya Gordon, aged 10, who raised more than £300 for the British Red Cross

A BRAVE Dudley girl has raised hundreds of pounds for charity at a dance extravaganza.

Mya Gordon, aged 10, not only did a solo dance at the Red Cross event while competing against eight groups, but also opened the show with her performance.

The Congreaves Primary School pupil, from Netherton, decided to enter the annual British Red Cross Dance: Make Your Move event in Shropshire to build her confidence after having to move schools due to bullying. So she choreographed a

solo piece, in which she depicted the effects of war on different people including a soldier, schoolgirl, refugee and nurse, dancing to the song War by Edwin Starr.

And although she didn't win the competition, in which she was up against eight other groups formed of 117 children from around the Midlands, she did raise £310.50 for the charity. Mother Hayley Edwards said: "I'm very very proud of her. She said she didn't care about winning the event, just raising the money for the charity."

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NEWS

On target for charity



Mark Jones from Pensnett gets ready for the event

DART players from across Dudley will step up to the oche for an annual tournament held in tribute to a blind player who once defeated former world champion Eric Bristow.

The event will be held at the Miners Social Welfare Club, Commonside, Pensnett, on May 18 with competitors able to register until 1pm on the day.

It costs £5 to take part and the knockout competition will begin at 2pm. The event is being held as a tribute to John Westwood, nicknamed Johnny Dartboard, who successfully played the game despite being registered blind.

Memory

He would throw from memory, hitting trebles and doubles as his team-mates would call out the score.

Mr Westwood, who was also known as The Legend by his friends, died in 2006 at the age of 59 after suffering a heart attack. The event has been organised by his wife Anita, and promoters include Mark Jones, from Pensnett, who plays in the BDC league.

Cash raised from the competition will be donated to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Mr Westwood's friend Joanne Whittaker said this year's event was extra special as it was the first time they had been able to find a venue in Pensnett, where Mr Westwood lived. She added: "John was a wonderful man and a real gentleman."

"This event is a tribute to his memory and all he achieved in the sport."

More nurses and leaders are needed, say patients

MORE nurses, stronger leadership on wards and better communication between staff and patients have been highlighted as key areas to improve quality of care at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

by Lee Watton

More than 70 current and former patients packed out a public meeting last week to air their views as part of an investigation over high death rates.

NHS medical director Professor Sir Bruce Keogh is leading a review of 14 hospital trusts, including Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, in the wake of the Stafford Hospital scandal.

An independent team of doctors, nurses and patient representatives is visiting the hospital after mortality figures showed higher-than-expected rates for the past two years.

Patients and their families met with the panel to share their stories of the treatment they had received. Retired social worker Jacqui Wilmore, 67, of Stourbridge, said she had been treated at Russells Hall in 2011.

"There was a lack of basic care and leadership on the ward. Someone needed to be firmly in charge to ensure the basics were being done," she said.

"I have been told things have improved since, however I can only talk from my own experiences," she added. Renal patient Michael Hardy, 58, of Leabank Road, Halesowen, said he was concerned about the hours staff had to work.

"Some are doing a 14-hour shift and then are on calls as well," he said.

Elaine Weston, 54, of Swan Street, Pensnett, said her 28-year-old daughter Kelly had died in 2009.

Mrs Weston said: "I have come here to talk and push for better communication between management, staff and patients."

Brian Taylor, 59, of Sandbank, Bloxwich, said: "I visited Russells Hall in February and the wards were clean and the staff really caring." A report will be published later this year.

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NEWS

Rock star
Plant in
surprise
showing

MUSIC fans at a Dudley college's arts festival were treated to a surprise appearance by a very special guest – rock legend Robert Plant.

The former Led Zeppelin frontman was at a concert for autistic performers organised by music student Jordan Statham.

The talented 20-year-old, who attends Glasshouse College, Amblecote, Stourbridge, and Kidderminster College, was treated to a private pep talk from the musician, lasting well over an hour.

Later the veteran introduced Jordan on stage to a packed auditorium of 240 people as a 'very special guitarist.'

The West Bromwich-born blues man, who is briefly back in the Midlands during a break in his world tour, heard about Jordan by friend and Kidderminster College lecturer Kevyn Gammond, who played with Plant in the original Band of Joy.

"I was told about Jordan's ambition and his unique achievement in producing a music showcase like this. I think it is great that he is able to let go and express himself in public."

He said it was something every performer, starting out, had to face. "I was the same person as Jordan is now, sadly too many years ago. I've tried to advise him as he goes out into the circus that is the world." Plant is a patron of MAS Records, which aims new talent.

Hospice improvements are
on despite funds shortfall

IMPROVEMENTS at a Dudley hospice are to go ahead as planned despite funding falling short.

Officials at Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice feared they would have to scale down the scheme after receiving less cash than expected from a Government pot.

But after looking at the plans again and considering ways money could be saved bosses said they were optimistic work would continue.

The charity in Hagley Road, wants to build an extension to create a quiet area and serve as a base for its community home team to work from.

Another part of the development would be to improve the existing reception area.

Bosses had applied for £750,000 from the £60 million fund, aimed at creating new spaces and improving facilities, but received a total of £509,127.

Chief executive for the hospice Peter Holiday said a lot of work had taken place over the past weeks to ensure all of the improvements went ahead as planned.

by Lee Watton

He said savings had been found as the hospice had originally planned to move a unit off-site while the work was being carried out.

But the charity now plans to keep it on-site using pre-fabricated buildings – which will save around £200,000. It will also be more convenient for staff and hospice users.

"Other hospice resources will also be committed to making up the shortfall in funding if required," he said.

"I admit we will not be completely certain all of the works we want to do will take place until we have received tenders for the work back from contractors. "This should be in around two months."

Business breakfast date

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James is hosting a breakfast seminar to offer advice to local businesses. The event will take place on Friday and there will be speakers involved offering support to UK exporters. The free seminar, to mark Export Week, will begin at 8.45am, with presentations running from 9.15am until 11am.

The event takes place at the Ruskin Glass Centre, Wollaston Road, Amblecote and businesses can sign up by emailing margot.james.mp@parliament.uk.



Maggie Thompson project co-ordinator for Age UK's Get Cycling for 50 Plus scheme as she prepares for the final leg of her ride from Land's End to John O'Groats

Maggie's
ready for
final leg

A FORMER national cycling champion from Dudley is preparing to complete the third leg of her 900 mile bike ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Maggie Thompson, aged 61, has previously completed two rides which added up to nearly 600 miles since 2010, now she is about to set off on the final leg of her ride which will see her set off from outside Glasgow.

The cyclist of Wordsley is raising funds for Get Cycling for 50 Plus a project by Age UK Dudley which she helps run.

Maggie, who won two national cycling championships in 1978 and 1979, will set off on Saturday for the seven-day bike ride that will cover the last 300 miles of her journey, she said: "I love cycling and I'm really going back to my roots in the sport."

To support Maggie visit www.ageukdudley.org.uk and click on 'How you can Help' or text the message DUQW06 to 70070 followed by your donation amount.

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Project awarded
for boosting arts

A DUDLEY community project, which offers arts workshops and exhibition space has won a national award as part of Adult Learners' Week.

Artspace occupies empty town centre properties to offer arts learning workshops to adults and families as well as exhibition space for local artists.

Artspace, run by Dudley Council has now won first place in the Learning Through Arts and Culture Award as part of Adult Learners' Week.

Trip to bird site

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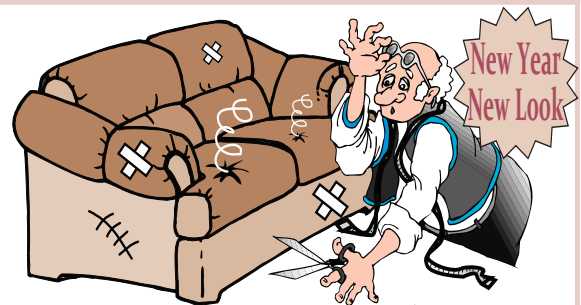
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NEWS

Son's search for father's precious car is a success



Bryan Moon has found his father's car



Arthur Moon in his treasured 1936 Adler Triumph Junior



Restored - the Adler Triumph Junior at a car show in India

THE 1936 Adler Triumph Junior was his father's pride and joy. Arthur Moon of Dudley loved nothing more than taking it for a spin.

But with family life came responsibility, and he ended up reluctantly selling the vehicle in 1959 after almost 20 years.

Despite having to let go of his treasured car, Mr Moon kept a newspaper cutting of the car, one of only three made in Germany with a right-hand drive, when it was bought by another motorist. He tried desperately to find and track it down in the years leading up to his death in January.

Now, 54 years since the sale, his son Bryan has fulfilled his father's dying wish to track down the vintage motor, which has been fully restored in Slovakia and paraded at car shows around the globe.

Mr Moon, now aged 60, used old pictures of the car, as well as the cutting, to search out its new owner on internet message boards.

He now plans to go out and visit the new owner in Eastern Europe to relive happy memories of being driven in the vehicle along the lanes of Dudley, Wordsley and Kingswinford.

He believes the car, which

by Alex Ross

was purchased by his father for £250 from a RAF serviceman returning from Germany following the war in 1942, is now worth £80,000.

Mr Moon lived with his parents Arthur and Miran first in Brierley Hill Road, and then New Street in Wordsley.

The warranty assessor at Mercedes Benz, who now lives in Surrey, said: "I don't think I can still believe I've found the car. It's just upsetting my father is not around to see it again."

"It was his real pride and joy and we, as the family, would be told stories about it continually following its sale. Towards the end of his life he began to search for it. After he died it spurred me on a bit to find it for him."

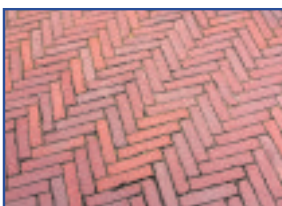
Arthur Moon, who owned a bus company called Moon's Coaches, lived in Wordsley all his life.

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NEWS

£2.4m price tag put on share of mall business

AN entrepreneur is offering a share of his Midlands mini-malls business in exchange for a multi-million pound investment to expand his empire.

Plaza Malls managing director Tony Swannie wants to add to his sites in Halesowen and Dudley and has set a £2.4m price for a partner to join him.

He says the cash would be used to open more malls, with Wolverhampton and Kidderminster among places shortlisted. The investment offer is listed as 'a commercial property for sale', but Mr Swannie insists he does not want to sell up.

In 2008, the firm opened its first mini mall in Halesowen's High Street. Three years later, the firm spent £1m converting Dudley's former Woolworths into another mall. Together, they are home to more than 60 different small businesses. Mr Swannie said: "We are not selling the malls – we are looking for investment so we can open more in the area."

He said while no sites had been earmarked in other towns and cities, each mini mall would cost about £600,000.

The company was forced to look for investment because the banks would not lend the cash needed, Mr Swannie claims. He values his business at £6m.

He said: "The malls are a great success. They bring all the local businesses together to deliver customers with what they want at an affordable price."

"We are in a niche and it is working well, that's why we are looking to expand further."

Josh's king of the castle



King – Joshua Parker, aged 10, with Langan Turner from Dudley Castle

A DREAM came true for 10-year-old Joshua Parker when he was crowned king for a day at Dudley Zoo and Castle.

A coronation ceremony took place in the 11th century castle courtyard as the youngster from Dudley Road, Sedgley, was given a royal welcome.

After being presented with his crown, he took part in a bird of prey

display and tried his hand at falconry. His regal visit was organised as a treat for the schoolboy after he spent time in hospital recovering from an appendix operation.

It was organised by Steve Ford of the Wishing Well programme based at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Joshua, a pupil at Straits Primary School, said he enjoyed his VIP day.

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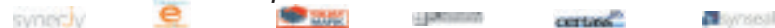
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NEWS

Measles threat to 15,000 children as jabs avoided

MORE than 15,000 children in the region are at risk of catching measles because they have not been vaccinated, it has been claimed.

New figures have been released in the wake of a measles outbreak in Wales where there have been 1,011 cases, with the 10 to 18 age group hardest hit.

Health chiefs across the Black Country and Staffordshire are now planning to offer the vaccination to those between the ages of 10 and 16.

Around 5,607 youngsters in Sandwell have not had both MMR jabs, with 2,760 of these not even having had one. In Dudley around 3,800 children have not had the two two jabs required.

Wolverhampton City Council, which confirmed four cases of measles last year, said 3,028 children between 10 and 16 had either had only one jab or none at all.

In Walsall there were no cases of measles last year but two were described as 'probable' so far this year.

Staffordshire County Council said about 5,925 children between seven and 16 had not had the two MMR jabs required.

While council figures show more than 95 per cent of children aged between 24 months and five years were vaccinated between April and December last year, there were no numbers saying how many teenagers may have missed the jab.

Hot stuff for Joan's 90th



Birthday girl Joan Wyer with the kissagram, her cousin Jennifer Yarnell, 60, and son Allyn, 53 who was celebrating with his mother

PLUCKY pensioner Joan Wyer has celebrated her 90th birthday with a special birthday gift – a fireman kissagram.

Mrs Wyer, "It's the first time I've ever seen anything like that," said mother-of-one Mrs Wyer, of Stourbridge.

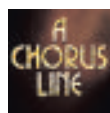
She was born in Stambermill in Lye and married builder John Robert Wyer at Stambermill Church on New Year's Day in 1949. He died in March 1990. The couple

have a son Allyn, aged 53, who lives in Wollaston.

Mrs Wyer, who lives at Tudor Manor on Brook Street, said: "I've had a good life and I'm looking forward to my telegram from the Queen when I turn 100."

Mrs Wyer said she was looking forward to a birthday dinner with friends at the home and her family. Son Allyn was also going to perform some songs during the afternoon.

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NEWS

Fears for safety of pupils at crossing

DRIVERS are failing to slow down for a school crossing patrol sparking fears of a serious accident along a busy Black Country road.

A campaign has now been launched for tougher measures along the Hagley Road near to St Margaret's at Hasbury C of E School in Halesowen.

Parents and residents have already raised a 200-name petition calling on Dudley Council to look at the problem and urging them to look at installing a zebra crossing along the route.

It has now been lodged with the authority.

They are also calling for a 20mph limit.

Councillor Donella Russell, ward member for Belle Vale, said residents in the area had been concerned about the situation for some time.

"Hagley Road is very dangerous and some drivers do not slow down when the crossing patrol is trying to get the children safely over the road," she said.

Beads on show

BEADS of all shapes, sizes and colours will be on display at Kingswinford's Broadfield House Glass Museum on Sunday. The free, annual event returns on May 19 from 10am and will include demonstrations of glass bead-making. There will also be a range of ready-to-wear jewellery.

Number of people going to church rising, claim figures

CHURCHGOING in some parts of the West Midlands has risen by more than three per cent, new figures claim. In the Worcester diocese, which covers the county, Dudley, parts of Sandwell and Wolverhampton, attendance at services rose from 14,600 to 15,100.

While in the Diocese of Lichfield, the average weekly attendance figures for churches are also rising, but the number of people going to Sunday services has remained 'static'.

New places for special needs

MORE than 130 school places for pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities will be created in Dudley under new plans.

Council bosses say there is a growing demand for 'high needs' education in the borough for students, aged 16 to 19.

They want to create additional places at Pens Meadow Special School, Wordsley, Stourbridge College and Dudley College. A total of 235 spots will be created and the council is planning to submit three separate bids to the Education Funding Agency to cover the costs.

They are applying for £592,000 to provide 45 places for over 16s at Pens Meadow.

A former hospital building near the site will be transformed into classrooms for pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities. If successful, a £540,000 grant will be used to open an independent living unit for 150 students at Stourbridge College.

The council hopes to secure £516,000 to refurbish a building at Dudley College to provide 40 places and also a project for those with autism.

Dudley's education chief Councillor Tim Crumpton said in a report that the plans were aimed at increasing choice based on evidence of growing numbers of young people with learning difficulties and disabilities in Dudley's schools.

According to the latest statistics collected from parishes in 2011 almost half of Church of England dioceses saw a growth in church attendance.

The Bishop of Worcester, The Rt Revd Dr John Inge, said he believed that one factor which could be attracting people to churches in Worcestershire and Dudley is that church members are increasingly getting involved with their communities through activities such as running food banks and going into schools to take assemblies.

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He said: "When someone comes to church, they don't find themselves among strangers, but are welcomed by people whom they have already seen helping out in the neighbourhood."

In the Diocese of Lichfield, spokesman Simon Jones said the growth in average weekly attendance could be down to people going to more mid-week services, rather than to the traditional Sunday services.

This reflects a growth in services like 'Messy Church' which specifically engages with families who find mid-week often suits them better when weekends become frenetic with sport, leisure and wider family commitments, he said.

Mr Jones also said the number of infant baptisms in the county was higher than the national figure - with 14.8 per cent of babies being baptised compared to 12 per cent nationally.

Youngsters in big clean-up



The team from the Prince's Trust and Rev Katryn Leclézio who cleaned the churchyard

YOUNGSTERS who have had brushes with the police have been cleaning up a churchyard in Cradley as part of a project to get their lives back on track.

The team of 11 young adults voted to spend time cleaning up and improving the churchyard at St Peter in Church Road as part of their work with the Prince's Trust.

"This project is going to benefit a lot of people," said 20-year-old Luke Hayward, who came to the trust because he felt it was the best way to get his life back on track.

"Working with the team has taught me to push myself physically and to do something good and right," he added. The trust has

helped Luke gain a qualification in catering that has allowed him to secure a job.

The project led in partnership by West Midlands Police and the trust aims to target youngsters who they feel need a purpose in life. The vicar of St Peter, the Rev Katryn Leclézio said: "Helping young people get out of trouble and gain skills which will help them find work are things that the church is very pleased to support."

"It's a job that is too big for us and so partnership with organisations like the Princes Trust help us to achieve our aims while helping them to achieve their objectives."

NEWS

in brief

Pupils bridge the generation gap

STUDENTS have been bridging the generation gap at a care home in Sedgley.

The eight pupils of High Arcal School's philosophy, ethics and religious studies class spent an afternoon with about 20 residents at Park Lane Care Home.

The students baked for their hosts before putting on a musical show.

Humanities teacher Alistair Wallace said the tea, cake and coffee afternoon had been a great success.

He said: "One of the most important aims of the trip is to get students talking and communicating with people of a different generation, breaking down perceived barriers between the two."

Choir hands over £4,000 to mayor

AN award-winning male voice choir swapped their musical notes for pound notes to give the Mayor of Dudley's charities a boost.

The Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir handed over £4,000 to the Mayor, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, at a civic reception. The Mayor recently sang with them at a concert at St Margaret's Church in Halesowen.

Burglary suspect

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NEWS

They'll to meet again



From left, Glynis Guest, Marjorie Parton and Ruth Beardsmore get ready for a 1940s night at the Beacon

THE styles and sounds of the 1940s will be relived to raise money for charity.

Sedgley-based Beacon Centre for the Blind is hosting the annual event, which includes a fish and chip supper, on May 18. People should dress in fashions of the period and can enjoy a performance by singer Maggie O'Hara.

Community fundraiser Karen Gullick said: "Our 1940s evenings are always incredibly popular, and we are delighted to be able to welcome Maggie O'Hara back to the Centre."

This year the charity is celebrating its 50th year at its base in Wolverhampton Road East. The centre is planning a book detailing its history and a Jubilee planting ceremony to mark the milestone.

Tattoos

On June 7, the charity will host a Bhangra night at Taj Palace in Frederick Street, Wolverhampton. The evening will include music from a bhangra DJ, dancers and a three-course Indian meal.

There will also be henna tattoos, a photography studio and a silent auction of sports memorabilia from international cricketers and world-class footballers.

Activities are run from the charity's centre for people who have various degrees of sight loss.

The Beacon Centre began life in 1875 as the Wolverhampton Society for the Blind to help people to read by deciphering embossed type.

For the 1940s night tickets cost £9.50 for adults and £5 for children who are aged under 14. Tickets for the Bhangra night cost £15. Call Karen on 01902 880111.

Charity for blind faces increasing bills on fuel

THE boss of a 138-year-old charity has warned it would have to manage costs tightly as rocketing fuel and energy prices leave it shelling out £40,000 a year on bills.

But the Beacon Centre for the Blind is also hoping to start providing new services in Staffordshire and Shropshire to generate extra income.

by Adam Burling

The charity, which axed its talking newspaper last year to save money, is celebrating 50 years at its Wolverhampton Road East site in Sedgley.

Chief executive Arwyn Jones revealed the charity is planning to start providing services in Shropshire – and expand its work in Staffordshire, after a new advice centre was set up in Cannock last month.

However, the rising cost of energy has left bosses dipping into reserves as donations have not increased.

Mr Jones said in the last two years the amount spent on electricity has increased by 20 per cent and gas by more than 50 per cent, while insurance for the charity's minibus fleet has gone up by 10 per cent in the last year to £11,000.

The charity needs around

£2.5 million a year to sustain it along with its 124 staff and Mr Jones said it had become 'increasingly difficult' in recent months.

He said the charity would have to look at ways to reduce the shortfall.

But he said there were no plans for redundancies this year – and instead he is hoping to generate extra income through new ventures.

These include a printing service based in Sedgley, and setting up new centres in Shropshire.

He said: "We are looking to diversify how we generate income but it's tough, and we have got to be tough on ourselves and our costs."

"We don't anticipate having to make redundancies this year but we are having to manage our costs very tightly."



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Prisoners of war returning to RAF Cosford at the end of the Second World War



In the mid-1960s RAF Cosford had its own farm to supply food

Days of camouflaged Cosford



Bernard Smith, left, during his service day when he was stationed at RAF Cosford and today aged 87

THE grass at RAF Cosford was painted to look like a hedgerow.

Cows were brought in to wander its satellite landing grounds.

So meticulous were the efforts to disguise the valuable planes in its care, that airmen would even string washing lines from the hangars.

"If there were Spitfires or Mosquito bombers out in the field, they would dig big holes around them and drop trees in," says Squadron Leader Graham Lee. "The idea was to make it look like a farm."

It certainly worked. Throughout the war, RAF Cosford was only bombed once, and it appears that was probably by accident.

Cosford, which was hastily put up amid growing tensions with Nazi Germany in the run-up to the Second World War, celebrates its 75th anniversary in July.

The milestone, along with that of the Supermarine Spitfire, with which the station has a close association, will be recognised at Cosford Air Show on June 9.

The need for a new RAF base close to the industrial heartlands of the West Midlands was identified by the

by **Mark Andrews**

mid-1930s, following Hitler's rise to power and the breakdown of disarmament talks between France and Germany.

Cosford was one of several sites chosen. It was also decided the site would make an ideal location for an RAF technical training school.

Major building work, which included the construction of 38 hangars, began in February, 1938, and somehow it was officially declared open within five months.

Gloves

But, demonstrating the make-do-and-mend philosophy of the time, the camp was far from finished when it opened to the new trainees.

"In winter 1938 and 39, many of the new recruits would be sat at their desks with their coats and gloves on, because there wasn't any glass in the windows, or they hadn't yet put the doors on," says Graham.

No. 9 Maintenance Unit, which stored and serviced aircraft, as well as supplying them to squadrons serving in the front line, opened the following year. Spare parts for Spitfires were also produced. The base

became so busy two overspill landing grounds were opened at nearby Brocton and Weston Park. In 1942 the unit started producing gliders.

By this time, there were 9,000 staff and trainees stationed at Cosford, most of them living in tents.

A major RAF hospital was added in 1940. From April, 1945 it serves as a repatriation and rehabilitation centre for returning RAF prisoners of war.

Bernard Smith, now 87, was a corporal there during the closing stages of the war. "We were housed in wooden huts dispersed outside the main camp perimeter," he says.

He returned as an engineering instructor in 1946 to find the huts were more permanent and in the main camp.

"I remember, during the big freeze of 1947, the corporal's club that I belonged to held a party, but the beer was frozen in the bottle."

He also recalls the airmen going around opening doors during the freeze, so the toilets would freeze and the men would be sent home.

"I always remember it as a happy camp," says Mr Smith, who now lives in Leicestershire.



Aerial view of RAF Cosford at the start of the Second World War with the airfield camouflaged by painting on fake hedges

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CLUB NEWS

Insight to life in big properties

THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY

THE Kingswinford branch meeting was held at St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday, April 17 when Patricia Boyd was the speaker.

She gives many talks but on this occasion her subject was "upstairs Downstairs" giving a fascinating insight into what life was like in large houses and estates years ago. She talked about the downstairs staff butler, cooks, parlour maids, servants, etc who all had their various jobs to do in the running of the properties and making sure everything went smoothly "upstairs".

Patricia showed pictures of clothes worn by the lady and gentleman of the big house, the lavish table settings for big events and how eventually after the wars, things became more difficult to recruit staff.

There was no slide presentation but Patricia made the talk come to life with her superb delivery.

The chairman thanked Patricia for her talk and coffee was served by Keith Jeavons.

Ray Sturdy was to a slide presentation at the May 15 meeting. Tickets, at £6, were also available for the buffet supper to take place at the last meeting of the season on Wednesday, June 19 with entertainment from New Dimensional Experience Choir.

It's only 24 hours to Stourport for water

Cake to celebrate fifth club birthday

GENTLE EXERCISE GROUP

THIS May the group enters its fifth year of gentle exercise at the Richardson Hall, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.

They will celebrate with the usual birthday cake during the social time, following the session, when tea or coffee is always served. Membership has fluctuated over the past year but holds a steady number and another successful year is anticipated. Several outings have been organised and all enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford.

The group took part in Wordsley Community Association's Christmas Bazaar with a cake, fresh vegetable and fruit table and also the open day in June. Several members continue to support the 200 club organised by the association.

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The group is open to all ages and disabled facilities are available. It meets every Friday from 1.30pm to 2.30pm with a social half hour of tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

APRIL'S meeting began with a lively talk by John Billingham. Members and visitors listened to Mr Billingham blending in both geography and history during his talk about the River Stour.

Did we know there are five rivers in the country with this name, with the most famous being the Essex/Suffolk Stour? This river is famous as Constable painted the Haywain crossing the river at Platford Mill.

The meaning of the word is "stream" or "fast flowing/powerful" derived from Germanic origins. Our own River Stour is indeed fast flowing as it falls from more than 700ft above sea level from its origin in the Cleat Hills to 65ft above sea level at its point of entry into the River Severn south of Stourport also collecting many tributaries on the way.

Mr Billingham pointed out that if the sea levels rise as predicted with climate change Stourport could become 'Stourport on Sea'. The river and its tributaries drain a large area of country or 'basin' from Wolverhampton southwards and such is its speed that any water entering the Smeaton Brook tributary takes only 24 hours to get to Stourport. The River Stour itself arises in the Cleat hills.

Thanks were given to Mr Billingham for such a fascinating talk.

Competing for annual quiz

Rob Cole from Meadow Farm Garden and Nursery at Peckingham was April's speaker. A large and enthusiastic audience was enthralled by his talk entitled "Birth of a Dream".

Chairman Pat Orme announced that the plant for the competition at the flower

CLEMENT GARDENING CLUB

show in September will this year be a fuchsia and these were offered for sale in the form of plug plants for

members to grow. The meeting was concluded with the monthly raffle.

The meeting tomorrow night (Friday) at Belbroughton Church Hall will be the annual quiz between Belbroughton Horticultural Society and Clement Gardening Club, followed by a supper.

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Betty is free from pain after having implants

A WOMAN who had suffered years of pain with two jaw conditions has finally found relief after undergoing dental implant surgery.

Betty had worn dentures for many years but developed neuralgia and her trigeminal nerve had become inflamed.

"I had terrible jaw pain and suffered pins and needles in the side of my head and tongue. It's a terrible condition. I'd had an MRI scan and had seen a specialist, but was still without relief," she says.

Clinical dental technician Mr Burchell had made dentures for Betty seven years ago and she returned to his clinic to inquire about a new prescription because the lower denture had lost its stability.

"I had put up with the floating effect of my lower denture and needed to address the problem. My lower gum had receded so much my denture was pressing down on a nerve and causing me pain," she adds.

"Steven explained the benefits of implant-retained dentures and told me it would allow my bite to be opened some more. Since having the implants on my lower denture, I have experienced no more pain."

Mr Burchell said all dentures have a shelf life and Betty's denture problem was due to shrinkage of her gums – a naturally occurring ageing process.

"We hoped for an improved outcome on her condition, but never dreamed that the final clinical result could be so rewarding with Betty being free from pain," he adds.

Transformations
Suction another solution

A CUTTING-EDGE development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered by the Denture Clinic.

Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng), who heads the teams at his North Street practice in Dudley and other clinics in Wolverhampton and Bearwood, says the invention has the potential to resolve issues with the poor stabilisation of dentures.

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ture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can describe only as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

No shock as this Miss delivers another hit

Caro Emerald – The Shocking Miss Emerald
DUTCH jazz-pop singer Caro Emerald has made a big impact with her vintage glamour and catchy retro sound with hip-hop touches.

Her second album is not quite as instantly appealing as her delightful debut was but it sticks to the proven winning format. Highlights include the tango-tastic Tangled Up, dub reggae flavoured Black Valentine and 60s-style ballad The Wonderful In You.

Caro Emerald is in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on September 16 but it is already sold out.

Lady Antebellum – Golden
SLICK country rock love songs from one of Nashville's class acts, featuring the vocals of Hillary Scott and Charles Kelley with Dave Haywood on guitar.

Lady A are never going to be revolutionary but country music's top band draw more on Fleetwood Mac style mature rock than the Grand Ole Opry. All For Love sounds like a hit.

Gabrielle Aplin – English Rain
PLEASING semi-acoustic pop debut from a 20-year-old singer-songwriter from Bath. Includes her hit Please Don't Say You Love Me, new single Panic Cord and her chart-topping cover of Frankie Goes To Hollywood's The Power Of Love.

Aplin will be in concert at The Institute, Birmingham, on November 5.

Sarah Brightman – Dream Chaser
DRENCHED in strings and a 'new age' atmosphere, the showbiz soprano has created an appealing pop and classical cross-over album.

There are new songs and an interesting selection of covers. The latter



Caro Emerald – second album out

includes an epic version of Elbow's One Day Like This, Sigur Ros melody Glosoli with new English lyrics by Chris Difford, Henryk Gorecki's gorgeous Symphony Of Sorrowful Songs, and the Cocteau Twins' Eperdu.

The final track, aptly entitled Closer, is a song arrangement of a section of Mike Oldfield's opus Tubular Bells.

James Blake – Overgrown
WITH his woozy electronic arrangements and plaintive, vulnerable, emotional voice, Londoner Blake is like a soul singer for the dubstep/drum 'n' bass generation.

If his debut album was so distinctive it made people take notice, his second has more substance, though that

seems a strange word for a sound so ethereal it could float away on a breeze.

His voice is akin to Aaron Neville and Antony Hegarty, his electro-soul is original, yet sometimes akin to Brian Eno, Thom Yorke and The XX.

Rapper RZA guests on Take A Fall For Me. Highlights include the haunting Retrograde, the urban soundscape of Life Round Here and Blake hinting at his admiration of Joni Mitchell on Our Love Comes Back.

James Blake is in concert at The Institute, Birmingham, on September 21.

Billy Ocean – Here You Are
WHEN the going gets tough, the tough sing covers. That may be a little harsh as Ocean has got a nice soulful voice to croon such songs here as A Change Is Gonna Come, Cry Me A River, You Send Me and No Woman No Cry. He even tackles one from the Sinatra songbook, It Was A Very Good Year.

But the overall feel is rather cruise ship cabaret.

Billy Ocean is performing at Lichfield's Garrick Theatre on May 29.

David Bowie – Aladdin Sane
TO mark its 40th anniversary, Bowie's sixth album – one of the glam rock era classics alongside Ziggy Stardust and Diamond Dogs – has been remastered by Ray Staff at London's Air Studios.

He cut the original LP recorded at Trident Studios and received praise for remastering Ziggy on its anniversary.

As for the actual music, it still sounds terrific from the driving opener Watch That Man via the demented doo-wop of Drive-In Saturday, soul stomper Panic In Detroit and classic rock song The Jean Genie with one of the all-time great guitar riffs.

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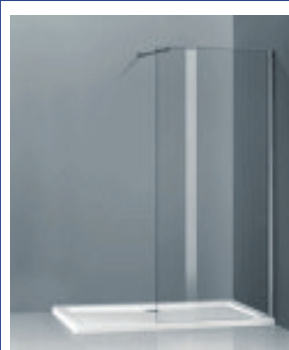
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NEWS

Safety fear on dummies

TRADING standards officers are cracking down on brightly-coloured babies' dummies which could be dangerous to young children.

Warnings have been issued by Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley councils.

Officers at the three authorities were alerted to a growing trend of people buying dummies which have been decorated by people at home and then sold via the internet. While the original individual pieces may adhere to safety regulations, concerns have been raised about the dummies once they

have been decorated and assembled. Fears include gem stones becoming detached and swallowed by children, the glue or paint applied being potentially toxic, and other hygiene dangers.

Councillor David Stanley, for trading standards in Dudley, said: "The dummies being purchased in bulk in the first place meet all safety regulations but they are then being decorated at home with hand-glued gems, beads and magnets, which is where the concern lies."

Campaign to combat park bad behaviour

A CAMPAIGN to curb anti-social behaviour at a Dudley park have been launched by councillors and residents.

There have been complaints about irresponsible pet owners failing to clear away dog mess from King George V Park, in Wordsley. The park's friends group is also asking for patrols to be stepped up by police after finding evidence of drugs use by youths.

They want people to take pride in protecting the park for the families and their children that regularly visit the beauty spot. Dozens of young footballers play on pitches at the park, off Lawnswood Road, including teams from Wordsley Wasps FC.

But the campaigners claim pitches can often have dog mess on them which they say can be health risk. The park also features a children's playground and other facilities including tennis courts.

However, groups of youths have been congregating in the park and concerned friends group members have found discarded cannabis wrappers and other drug paraphernalia recently. Ward councillors Derrick Hemingsley and Glenis Simms are joining friends group chairman Chris Enverem to demand action.

They intend to raise the matter with police and council enforcement teams.

Councillor Hemingsley said it was important because the park is near Belle Vue Primary School. "As a local councillor and governor at Belle Vue I feel very strongly about the issues especially dog fouling," he said. "This is can be dangerous."



Chairman of the Friends of King George V Park, Chris Enverem, with Councillors Glenis Simms and Derrick Hemingsley, who are behind the campaign

Workers at Tarmac are left in limbo

UP TO 500 workers at Tarmac remain in limbo six months after it was revealed its headquarters will shut after the operation was made the subject of a merger.

The company is yet to hold discussions with Wolverhampton City Council about how many of its workers will be able to move to its new base in Solihull.

It has merged operations with French concrete business Lafarge Tarmac in a deal believed to be worth around £2 billion. It is expected the Millfields Road site in Ettinghall will mostly close in around 12 months' time. City council leader Roger Lawrence has said he is prepared to set up a taskforce to help any workers affected by the closure, like it did in 2002 when Goodyear shut its passenger and light truck tyres department. Councillor Lawrence added: "We are open to any proposals and in the past we have worked with the Job Centre and colleges. We are prepared to work with employers if there are to be large scale job cuts."

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden said: "We have not had much contact with Tarmac for the past few months and there are still no dates."

Choir marks 80th with a call to youth

MEMBERS of Brierley Hill Choral Society are celebrating 80 years of making music.

While celebrating the past, they have been looking forward - and hoping to appeal to younger singers who will help to guarantee the choir's future.

The society began life in 1933 and now has 65 members, but conductor Tim Calloway said the youngest regular member of the choir was about 40 and the average age was 60. Mr Calloway, who is 60, has led the choir for seven years. He said: "Young people don't seem particularly interested in choral singing anymore and it's a bit of a worry."

Chairman Heather Casson said that when the choir began, members ranged from people in their mid-20s to retirees.

Mrs Casson added: "We would love more young people in the choir. They are the future. While TV programmes such as Last Choir Standing and personalities such as Gareth Malone have re-awakened enthusiasm for choral music, they have also changed the expectations of people. Anyone interested in joining the choir can go to www.brierley-hill-choral-society.org

REVIEWS

A full house and fancy footwork

Stars of Strictly: Pasha & Katya, The Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock.

THERE was a full house for the return of Strictly Come Dancing professionals Pasha Kovalev and Katya Virshilas when they thrilled a Cannock audience with their fabulous footwork.

They were joined by Ryan Hammond and Lindsey Muckle from the South African version of Strictly.

The entertaining two-hour show had a modern Hollywood theme. Ryan and

Lindsay thrilled with Footloose but Pasha and Katya got an appreciative gasp for the famous Dirty Dancing lift.

The audience saw a clip of Katya dancing the tango with Antonio Banderas in Take The Lead before a bare-chested Pasha wielded a cape for what shall be known as the 'pasho doble'.

Three couples picked from the audience were schooled to step out in passionate Latin style and aptly it was won by a couple planning to marry. There

were also two performances by Class One Dance Academy in Cannock.

Both pairs of pros came together for crisply choreographed routines based on The Cell Block Tango from Chicago and a jiving Grease megamix. But the highlight was the elegant Viennese waltz to Twilight hit A Thousand Years. The two stars also did a question and answer session and stayed behind to sign autographs and pose for photographs with fans. **Leon Burakowski**

Self-taught musician with incredible range

Valerie June, Glee Club, Birmingham

VALERIE June from Tennessee professes to an eclectic mix of influences from Billie Holiday to Van Morrison and from Dolly Parton to The Beatles and this comes out in her music, so much so it's often difficult to know what to make of her as a performer. You have to give her admiration for the fact she is a self-taught musician, undoubtedly naturally talented and her voice does have an incredible range with which she hit the sold out audience at the Glee right from her first blues number, 'Trouble'.

Emotive

When she sings at the bottom end of her range her voice, is deep, soulful, velvety and emotive. However, when she hits the top end the power overtakes the quality and the screechy high frequency becomes almost white noise which no doubt has the ability to bring down aeroplanes.

She slowed down to the ballad Twined and Twisted but again at the high end filled the room with ease but it was most of the time unintelligible.

Love Told a Lie, was the best song which really gave a better indication of how good her voice can be. She filled the torch song with emotion and her clear tones carried over the audience



Valerie June - eclectic mix

in waves. For Shotgun, June pulled out the slide guitar and with the unusual addition of a female drummer went into a frenzy of crazy blues which sounded more like the grizzled Seasick Steve than the demure songstress on the stage.

Throughout the set she incorporated good 'ol country, heavy blues and funk and even a smattering of gospel. When she brought her voice down to the level of human hearing she was awesome but when she took it up into the rafters it was time to make sure you weren't near anything which frightened easily.

Danny Farragher

Award-winning trio get going from the onset

Lau, Glee Club, Birmingham

THERE may only be three members to the award-winning Lau but you certainly get a full sound from the trio once they get going - and they did right from the first number.

They opened with The Burrian, from the album Race the Loser, which had all the hallmarks of a traditional instrumental with East Anglian Martin Green on piano accordion, and Scots Chris Drever on guitars and Aidan O'Rourke on fiddle.

Another album track Saint Monday followed and was a much softer piece where Drever introduced his distinctively mellow, slightly melancholic voice into the proceedings.

Drever's composition Horizontigo had a mellow acoustic opening with a slow, sombre sound balanced perfectly between the accordion and fiddle and there was almost a spaghetti western/Spanish-style undertone about it.

Throwing Pennies brought Drever back into the proceedings again, while O'Rourke brought the soft fiddle sound in for Torsia.

The audience was also treated to Far From Portland, The Bird that Winds the Spring and Save the Bees heading towards the Midnight Feast ending.

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What's On! Halesowen

Win a Les Mis DVD



THE musical movie that won standing ovations from cinema audiences – Les Misérables (12) – was released on Blu-Ray and DVD this week. We are offering readers the chance to win a DVD of the acclaimed film based on the hit West End show.

The epic tale of revenge and redemption, set in 19th century France, stars Oscar-winning Anne Hathaway, Hugh Jackman and Russell Crowe. The musical based on the novel by Victor Hugo features such songs as I Dreamed A Dream and Bring Him Home. The Blu-Ray version features almost an hour of bonus material.

Who wrote the novel Les Misérables? Send your answer on a postcard with name, address and telephone number to DVD competition, Chronicles (editorial), 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date May 24. Usual rules apply. Editor's decision is final.

Catch tomorrow's rock stars as a new generation rolls in

Back to the 60s musical

THE BIGGEST and brash-est feel-good musical of recent years, Hairspray, is back on the road and comes to Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday.

Freya Sutton steps into the spotlight as the unstoppable Tracy Turnblad, promoting dancing, hair products and improved inter-racial relationships in 1960s Baltimore.

Finalist

Waterloo Road actor Mark Benton steps into Michael Ball, John Travolta and Brian Conley's dancing shoes as her mom Edna.

Former EastEnders Lucy Benjamin is vicious Velma Von Tussle and X Factor finalist Marcus Collins plays Seaweed Stubbins. You Can't Stop The Beat until June 1.



Big girl you're beautiful – Freya Sutton as the irrepressible Tracy Turnblad in the new touring version of hit 1960s Baltimore musical Hairspray, coming to the Hippodrome

A RISING new generation of rock acts are coming to the West Midlands.

Bastille, the musical vehicle for the talents of Dan Smith, has sold out an eagerly-awaited gig at the Birmingham O2 Academy on November 3 – not bad for an outfit that only released debut album Bad Blood in March.

The new single will be Laura Palmer, inspired by the murdered girl in 1990 cult TV show Twin Peaks. Bastille fans who are also going to see Muse at Coventry's Ricoh Arena on Wednesday, can catch them as the support act.

Bugg

The O2 Academy is also the venue for young Nottingham singer-songwriter Jake Bugg, who has a stint of three gigs at the Bristol Street venue, on October 28, 29 and November 10.

Raw Liverpoolian rockers The Dirty Rivers play at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on May 25, the same venue as psychedelic hipsters Temples on June 19.

There is a chance to catch rising stars Young Kato when the Cheltenham six-piece, featured on TV's Made In Chelsea, play the O2 Academy 3 on May 27.

On May 28 the next big thing from Manchester, 1975, play the HMV Institute Library in Digbeth.



Bastille's Dan Smith

Laughs upon Avon

MORE than 35 acts feature at the Comedy Hullabaloo festival over the May 23-26 bank holiday weekend in Stratford-upon-Avon. Several venues in the town will be used and tickets start from £9. The acts include Al Murray, Sandi Toksvig, Milton Jones and Ed Byrne. See comedyhullabaloo.com

REVIEW

Yes, Prime Minister, Grand Theatre

WHEN it comes to good entertainment this hilarious foray into the world of political drama and intrigue gets my vote.

The original writers of the classic BBC TV Series, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn have reunited for this production with a new satirical take on Whitehall. Following three sell-out West End seasons this successful play has really made a name for itself.

Prime Minister Jim Hacker and his Cabinet Secretary Sir Humphrey Appleby are back, spinning out of control through the collapsing Euro and austerity measures in a world of 24-hour news, Blackberrys and 'sexed-up' dossiers.

Crispin Redman is superb in the role of the evasive and unscrupulous Sir Humphrey. How he remembered all his tongue-twisting dialogue is quite amazing.

He contrasted perfectly with the bumbling Prime Minister (Michael Fenton Stevens) who fails to grasp most of Sir Humphrey's 'advice'. Most of the laughs were provided by Michael Matus who played the naive Principal Private Secretary Bernard Woolley. An excellent production.

Sue Attwater

Grand Holly day

ROCK 'n' roll veteran Jess Conrad will join the cast for a tribute show to Buddy Holly – A Legend Reborn at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Sunday, June 16. Call 01902 429212.

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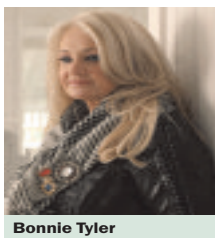


What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 18.05.13

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CHOICE



Bonnie Tyler

Eurovision Song Contest 2013

BBC1, 8pm
Graham Norton returns to the commentator's booth for the 58th Eurovision, which this year takes place in Sweden. Favourite to win is Denmark's Emmelie de Forest. Norway's I Feed You My Love has been described as a cross between Daft Punk and Metallica, while Marco Mengoni is the Italian X Factor champion. The UK is represented by Bonnie Tyler and Believe in Me; although we don't expect her to get nul points, we don't believe she'll turn out to be the winner either - but we'll be thrilled to bits if we're proved wrong.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.00** Film: Herbie: Fully Loaded. (2005) Disney comedy sequel, starring Lindsay Lohan and Michael Keaton. **4.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.20** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.40** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **7.00** Doctor Who. Clara is summoned to a special meeting with Madame Vastra, where she hears a message for the Doctor - and it soon becomes clear he is being lured into a trap. Last in the series. **7.45** The National Lottery Draws. John Partridge presents a performance by veteran rockers Status Quo and sets the balls rolling to decide the all-important numbers. **8.00** Eurovision Song Contest 2013. Graham Norton commentates on the musical extravaganza from Malmö, Sweden, as Bonnie Tyler aims to become the first UK winner since 1997 with her country ballad Believe in Me. Red button viewers will be able to access lyrics to all songs and send comments. **11.15** BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update. **11.35** Live at the Apollo. Al Murray hosts the stand-up comedy show from the Hammersmith Apollo, and welcomes guests Chris Addison and Tim Vine. (R) **12.05** Film: Life. (1999) Prison comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **1.45** Weatherview. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.40** Film: Till the End of Time. (1946) **8.20** Film: Flying Leathernecks. (1951) **10.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **11.00** Map Man. (R) **11.30** Just a Minute. (R) **12.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **12.30** The Chef's Protege. (R) **1.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **1.30** The Chef's Protege. (R) **2.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **2.30** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **2.50** Coast. (R) **3.50** Auction Hero. (R) **4.50** Film: The Eagle Has Landed. (1976) **7.00** Flog It! Paul Martin and the team visit Wilmslow, Cheshire, where valuable items include jewellery, toys, porcelain and a Georgian tea table. (R) **8.00** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring initiates a recruitment campaign, but makes the mistake of leaving Wilson in charge of the poster. Starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R) **8.30** Sincerely, F Scott Fitzgerald: A Culture Show Special. To mark a new film adaptation of The Great Gatsby, Jay McInerney explores the life and writing of the author through the letters he sent to editors, publishers, lovers and friends. **9.30** QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz, with Jo Brand, David Mitchell, Phil Jupitus and Alan Davies answering questions on the theme of intelligence. (R) **10.15** Film: West Is West. (2010) Premiere. Comedy sequel, with Om Puri and Aqib Khan. **11.55** Film: The Walker. (2007) Drama, starring Woody Harrelson. **1.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** TV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **8.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.15** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.15** Saturday Farm. **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** River Monsters. (R) **2.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.15** The Chase. (R) **4.15** Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery. (1966) **6.00** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** 100 Holidays. A countdown of 100 vacation-themed camcorder calamities and viewer-submitted mobile-phone clips. (R) **7.30** Britain's Got Talent. More hopefuls take their moment in the spotlight in an attempt to impress the four judges and secure a place in the live semi-finals. **8.45** The Cube. Two more contestants face the challenge. Last in the series. **9.45** The Jonathan Ross Show. With Lee Evans, Philip Glenister, Marc Warren, Max Beesley, Gemma Arterton and Primal Scream. Last in the series. **10.45** ITV News: Weather. **11.00** Film: Mickey Blue Eyes. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn. **12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Starter Wife. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** VW Racing Cup. **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** Film: Superbike World Championship. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Heslo's Fantastical Food. (R) **1.35** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.20** Come Dine with Me. Driving instructor Alison Firth hosts the final dinner party in Warwickshire. (R) **6.50** Channel 4 News. **7.15** Film: Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer. (2007) The superhero team faces a powerful alien sent to prepare the Earth for destruction by its planet-eating master. Fantasy, starring Ioan Gruffudd and Michael Chiklis. **9.00** Film: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps. (2010) Premiere. Ruthless stockbroker Gordon Gekko helps a young banker get revenge on the company that drove his mentor to suicide. Drama sequel, with Michael Douglas and Shia LaBeouf. **11.40** Derren Brown: The Assassin. The illusionist investigates whether somebody could be hypnotised into killing a celebrity as part of a series of large-scale social experiments. (R) **12.40** Film: Crash. (2004) **2.30** Southland. (R) **3.10** Holyoaks. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.50** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.15** Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. (1971) **1.15** Film: Darby's Rangers. (1957) **3.35** Film: The Dam Busters. (1954) **6.05** Last of the Dambusters: Revealed. RAF veteran George Johnson revisits the scene of his most memorable mission. (R) **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day in the first Test of the two-match series, which comes from Lord's. **8.05** NCIS. Gibbs discovers Tony's father is linked to the team's latest investigation, which involves an assassination attempt on a Saudi prince. (R) **9.00** NCIS. Tony and Ziva visit Paris to escort Nora Williams, the key witness in an embezzlement case, back to America - but on the return trip they realise there is an assassin on the plane. (R) **9.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager is found bludgeoned to death at a hotel. **10.50** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. A boxer comes under suspicion of murder. **11.45** True Crimes: The First 72 Hours. **12.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear **7.50** The Premier League's Most Amazing Moments **9.45** Film: Face/Off (1997). Action thriller, starring John Travolta and Nicolas Cage. **BBC Four**
7.00 Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **8.00** British Masters **9.00** Anne Dahl. Many Waters - Part One **10.30** Sing's James Bond **11.30** Omnibus: John Barry - A Licence to Thrill **ITV2**
2.05 Film: Kindergarten Cop (1990) **4.15** You've Been Framed! **6.30** Film: Small Soldiers (1998). Children's adventure, with Kirsten Dunst. **8.45** Britain's Got More Talent **9.45** You've Been Framed! Forever **11.00** Celebrity Juice **11.35** Britain's Got Talent **ITV3**
3.40 Jane Eyre **5.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Martin **9.00** Lewis. A religious fanatic is found beaten and drowned in his bath. **11.00** Wire in the Blood **ITV4**
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore v Chennai Super Kings. **8.00** Indian Premier League Greatest Games **9.00** Film: The Boat That Rocked (2009) **11.40** Film: Year of the Dragon (1985) **E4**
5.30 The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** Film: Mission: Impossible III (2006) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory **Film4**
3.05 Paper Moon (1973) **5.10** California Man (1992) **7.00** America's Sweethearts (2001) **9.00** Saving Private Ryan (1998)

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What's On!

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CHOICE



Jason Isaacs

Case Histories

BBC1, 8.30pm
Jason Isaacs returns to his role as detective Jackson Brodie in crime drama Case Histories, set in Edinburgh and adapted from Kate Atkinson's series of novels of the same name. Having been on a break since the first season ended in 2011, the first episode sees Brodie approached by a woman who asks for his help in finding her birth parents, and his investigation leads him to a secret which has remained hidden for 35 years. Victoria Wood also stars as a retired police officer, who feels compelled to act when she sees a little girl being abused by her mother.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Live Worship for Pentecost. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.15** Points of View. **3.30** Lifetime. **3.40** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Chelsea Flower Show 2013. **6.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.30** Countryfile. Reports from the Thames Valley, where Matt Baker finds out why Henley-on-Thames is such a breeding ground for rowers and Julia Bradbury hunts for giant wood ants in Burnham Beeches. **7.30** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team are at Stowe House in Buckinghamshire, where former racing driver Jackie Stewart is among the visitors bringing in their antiques and collectibles. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations. **8.30** Case Histories. New series. Crime drama, starring Jason Isaacs as PI Jackson Brodie. A search for a woman's birth parents leads to the heart of 1970s police corruption. Victoria Wood guest stars. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day. Highlights of the final matches of the Premier League season, including Wigan Athletic v Aston Villa at the DW Stadium and Newcastle United v Arsenal at St James' Park. **12.00** The Football League Show. **1.00** Film: The Glass Shield. (1995) **2.45** Weatherview. **2.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.30** Film: Ruthless. (1948) **8.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Chinese Food Made Easy. (R) **12.00** Great British Food Revival. **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.15** EastEnders. (R) **4.05** Final Score. **6.30** Porridge. Crafty con Fletcher helps new inmate Godbey settle in by giving him a few lessons on coping with prison life. Comedy, starring Ronnie Barker. (R) **7.00** Racing Legends: Jackie Stewart. Chef James Martin joins Jackie Stewart on a road trip through the Alps in a classic supercar to retrace the life and career of the three-time Formula One world champion. (R) **8.00** Ice Age Giants. New series. Alice Roberts investigates the lives and habitats of the creatures that dominated the planet 40,000 years ago, beginning with giant mammals that roamed North America. **9.00** Australia with Simon Reeve. New series. The adventurer begins a journey across the country, discovering how the camel is threatening the fragile desert ecosystem in the heart of Australia. **10.00** Mock the Week Looks Back at Food & Drink. Another themed selection of material from the show's archives. Last in the series. **10.30** Film: Blood Diamond. (2006) Action thriller. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio. **12.45** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.40** Holly Day. (R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Film: Murder on the Orient Express. (1974) **2.50** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.10** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) **5.55** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Kids. (R) **6.45** Regional Programme; Weather. **7.00** ITV News; Weather. **7.15** Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts a revival of the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. **8.00** The British Soap Awards 2013. The stars of Coronation Street, EastEnders, Emmerdale, Hollyoaks and Doctors gather as Phillip Schofield hosts the annual awards ceremony honouring TV's most popular soaps. **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** Film: Children of Men. (2006) In a future stricken by mass infertility, a former activist tries to protect the only pregnant woman in the world. Thriller, starring Clive Owen, Michael Caine and Julianne Moore. **12.15** The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freeports on 4. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Big Momma's House 2. (2006) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **6.30** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud revisits a prefabricated-home project in west Cumbria to find out whether Alan and Judith Dawson are happy with the finished product. (R) **7.30** Channel 4 News. **8.00** The World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford reveals the power of air and its role in the creation of strange weather events, from tornados spinning on the spot to dust storms, double rainbows and mirages. **9.00** Film: The Social Network. (2010) Premiere. Fact-based drama following internet billionaire Mark Zuckerberg's rise to wealth and fame, and the enemies he made along the way. With Jesse Eisenberg. **11.20** Don't Blame Facebook. Documentary tracking down people who have made extraordinary blunders on social media websites, revealing the potential dangers of sharing too much information online. (R) **12.25** Film: Walk the Line. (2005) **2.40** Southland. (R) **3.25** Gok's Style Secrets. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Floortots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Animal Antics. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Mio Mao. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. (R) **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **12.05** Aliens: Are We Alone? (R) **1.05** Film: Godzilla. (1998) **3.40** Film: Hoodwinked. (2005) **5.15** Film: Cats & Dogs. (2001) **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand. **8.00** Once Upon a Time. Spencer implicates Ruby in a murder. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Film: Nightmares Kill. (2008) Premiere. Two New York detectives pursue a vigilante murdering criminals who escape justice, but realise the killer may be a cop. Crime thriller, with Robert De Niro. **10.55** Film: Out of Time. (2003) Crime thriller, starring Denzel Washington. **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.55** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.45** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 How to Win Eurovision **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Sweet the Small Stuff. Extra Sweaty **10.30** Family Guy **11.15** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** The Man Who Shot Beautiful Women **10.00** Frank Skinner on George Formby **11.00** Rock 'n' Roll Britannia
ITV2
2.15 Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) **4.25** You've Been Framed! **4.55** Britain's Got Talent **6.10** Britain's Got More Talent **7.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.45** Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) **10.00** The British Soap Awards 2013: The Party **11.05** Celebrity Juice **11.45** Celebrity Juice Soap Special
ITV3
2.40 The Railway Children **4.40** Goodnight Mister Tom **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Vera **10.00** Prime Suspect
ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Space Cowboys (2000) Space adventure, starring Clint Eastwood. **11.30** Film: Green Street (2005) **E4**
4.35 Revenge **5.35** New Girl **6.00** The Mindy Project **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: The Simpsons Movie (2007). Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta. **9.50** Rude Tube: Welcome to 2013
Film4
3.05 Hope Floats (1998) **5.15** Just My Luck (2006) **7.20** The Wedding Date (2005) **9.00** What Happens in Vegas (2008) **10.55** Shinjuku Incident (2009)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Blind Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An innocent woman stands trial for murdering her boyfriend and her best friend. When she is convicted, she manages to escape custody and goes on the run, hoping to find evidence of her innocence – only to discover her own lawyer is responsible for framing her. Thriller, starring Jessica Capshaw and Art Hindle. (2007)

TUESDAY

Bandits, BBC1, 11.35pm

Two convicts escape from prison and embark on a high-profile bank-robbing spree. A car crash leaves them with an extra accomplice – a bored housewife yearning for adventure, but before long her presence begins to disrupt their criminal enterprise and friendship, as well as their plans to retire to Mexico. Crime comedy, starring Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton and Cate Blanchett. Directed by Barry Levinson. (2001)

WEDNESDAY

Phenomenon, BBC1, 11.35pm

An unassuming car mechanic observes a peculiar bright light one evening on the way home from a bar, and finds himself transformed into a genius with telekinetic powers. However, he is unprepared for the problems that lie ahead, as he struggles to woo a divorced single mother while coping with his new-found gift. Drama, starring John Travolta, Kyra Sedgwick, Forest Whitaker and Robert Duvall. (1996)



Made of Honor, Friday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY

The Other Man, BBC1, 11.35pm

A husband learns his wife is having an affair when he discovers provocative photos of her with another man. He resolves to track down her lover and exact his revenge but when he is set to confront the man about his misdeeds, he instead strikes up an unlikely friendship, making him question whether he should continue with his vengeful scheme. Drama, starring Liam Neeson, Antonio Banderas, Laura Linney and Romola Garai. (2008)

FRIDAY

Made of Honor, Channel 5, 10pm

A single man realises he is in love with his best friend, but has never done anything about it out of a fear of commitment. Everything changes when she returns from a business trip to Scotland with a new fiancé in tow, leaving him determined to make sure the wedding does not go ahead. Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan and Kevin McKidd. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Bonnie aims for a Total Eclipse of the charts

Happy 58th birthday, Eurovision. Or should we say, Pump-Pump, Bem-Born. Tom Tom Tom. Boom Boom. Sing Sang Song.

They might not mean much to you, but to Eurovision fans, such nonsense lyrics bring back memorable nights of bizarre costumes, weird performances and eccentric singers.

The world's number-one cheesy music-fest is knocking on a bit, and is only a few short years away from claiming its bus pass – some might even suggest it's past its sell-by date, or that it's now so far removed from the times that it's taken a 'pipe-and-slippers' approach to music.

But if this year's entrants are anything to go by, the competition seems to have had an injection of youth serum.

Denmark's Emmelie de Forest is expected to do well. The 20-year-old appears to be channelling our own Sandie Shaw (who was the UK's first winner back in 1967 with Puppet on a String) on stage – well, she performs without shoes anyway.

Her track, Only Teardrops, is so catchy, she's the runaway favourite, and votes from her nation's close neighbours are expected to push her to victory.

Norway's I Feed You My Love has been described as a cross between Datt Punk and Metallica, so we can hardly wait to hear that.

Marco Mengoni is Italy's X Factor champion, and his piano ballad could surprise a few on the night.

Russia will be attempting to go one better than they did last year when they were runners-up. Frankly, their rather bland song could put some voters off, so they're pinning their hopes on the appeal of singer Dina Garipova – it's a long shot, but it might just work...

And then, of course, there's the UK's Bonnie Tyler. We've been holding out for a Eurovision hero (see what we did there?) since Katrina and Waves were our last winners back in 1997.

There was a time when the British public voted for a representative in the Song for Europe competition, but after a woeful few years, folk at the

BBC felt they knew best and began choosing themselves.

The idea didn't work too badly with Blue, who finished 11th, but seasoned groaner Engelbert Humperdinck came a disappointing 25th in 2012.

Bonnie is also a veteran performer, and the nation will be behind her when she bashes out Believe In Me in Malmö. Hopefully, it won't be nul point for the pocket Welsh wonder, but we're not expecting great things either – so we'll be thrilled to bits if we're wrong.

Lewis Carnie, BBC Head of Special Projects, says: 'Bonnie is an artist with an international reputation and I am delighted that she has chosen to represent the UK in this year's contest. It is a great song and a truly wonderful performance that I am sure will do the nation proud.'

As for Bonnie herself, she can't wait for the night to start: 'I am truly honoured and delighted to be able to represent the United Kingdom at Eurovision, and especially with such a fabulous song. I promise to give this everything that I've got for the UK!'

Ding-Dinger-Dong to that!



Bonnie Tyler, Eurovision Song Contest 2013, Saturday, BBC1, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Hillsborough: How They Buried the Truth, BBC1, 9pm

On April 15, 1989, Britain's worst football disaster took place at Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough Stadium. Ninety-six Liverpool fans were killed as a result of a crush, with 766 more sustaining injuries. In December last year, following an inquiry by the Hillsborough Independent Panel, the original verdict of accidental death for the 96 who perished was overturned: a new inquest will take place next year. This documentary, presented by reporter Peter Marshall, tries to unearth why various investigations into what happened on that tragic day in 1989 failed to reveal the truth. There's also a chance to see previously unseen footage of events.

The Job Lot, ITV, 9.30pm

Sadly scheduled after Vicious, the brilliantly bitchy Ian McKellen, Derek Jacobi sitcom, this can look like a bit of an anti-climax to ITV's Monday night comedy double bill, but the latest offering of Midlands-based mirth may tickle your fancy. With Brownall job centre due for an anonymous inspection, Trish (Sarah Hadland) is looking out for the person who's going to file a report. Meanwhile, security guard Janette (Angela Curran) is determined to beat the Great Barr branch in the league table, and Karl (Russell Tovey) and George (Adeel Akhtar) join forces to interrogate a pair of big-time benefit cheats.

TUESDAY

Caroline Quentin's National Parks, ITV, 8pm

The final programme in the series sees Caroline explore the New Forest, which nestles in the counties of Hampshire and Wiltshire. Caroline's first taste of life there sees her dangling above it – in the basket of a hot air balloon. Then she meets some of its most famous residents, the ponies born in the park that are often completely untamed, despite having owners, and helps catch a foal that will be sold and trained to be ridden. But it's the trees that make the area so special, and Caroline climbs one of them with help from tree surgeon Jo Hedger (an apt name if ever there was one) before relating why her experiences have convinced her that National Parks should be an important part of everyone's lives.

Town with Nicholas Crane, BBC2, 9pm

If he was an actor, you'd be calling Nicholas Crane typecast by now. He's probably most famous for his work on Coast, the BBC's series in which he travels the length and breadth of the UK's shoreline in an effort to bring us fascinating footage from the towns and settlements along the way. In this new BBC series, however, he's visiting towns around the UK, beginning with Oban – which is situated on Scotland's west coast. Don't despair, though, because no matter how familiar the concept

might be, this is still a fascinating documentary. Here, the geographer and adventurer explains the surprising role Oban played in the Cold War, visits one of Scotland's oldest distilleries and meets artist John Lowrie Morrison at his studio.

WEDNESDAY

Bankers, BBC2, 9pm

When you think of a banker, the image that comes to mind might well be that of a greasy-haired man in a pin-striped suit, greedily counting coins stacked up in piles around him. This might be picture more commonly found in a cartoon strip, but in the wake of the payment protection insurance scandal (PPI), the last in this three-part series examines whether there is any truth in this stereotype, and what possibly caused a rip-off on such a monumental scale. Whatever the cause, the result of the policy is a compensation bill currently estimated at a staggering £25 billion, and Sir Philip Hampton, RBS Chairman, Antonio Horta Osorio, Lloyds Group CEO, and the Archbishop of Canterbury consider how such a damaged system can ever be re-built.

The Da Vinci Code: The True Story, Thursday, Channel 5, 8pm

THURSDAY

The Da Vinci Code: The True Story, Channel 5, 8pm

When Dan Brown penned The Da Vinci Code, it proved you don't need to be the best writer in the world to shift books by the truck load. You just need a controversial idea, and enough pace to keep readers turning pages. For newcomers, the story centres on Professor Robert Langdon, who's desperately trying to discover a mystery involving a speculative relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. This documentary examines the possibility of Rosslly Chapel in Midlothian being the final resting place of the Holy Grail, and attempts to find out the secrets behind Leonardo da Vinci's mirror writing. Among the contributors are historian Mario Taddel, art restorer Cecilia Frosinini and graphic designer John Langdon, who inspired the heroic Professor Langdon.

FRIDAY
Life of Crime, ITV, 9pm

The last of the current series take place in the present day, and Denise Woods (Hayley Atwell) is interviewed for the position of superintendent. However, her home life is a mess. Ex-husband Ray (Richard Coyle) reveals that her 19-year-old estranged daughter Charlotte (Ruby Thomas) is pregnant. Meanwhile, the case of a recent murder victim flags up the same 'unknown' DNA from 1997 and 1985, so the police officer hopes she can put her demons to rest by finding Amy Reid's killer. Through profiling, Denise builds a picture of two men, one dependent on the other, raping and killing together at music events.

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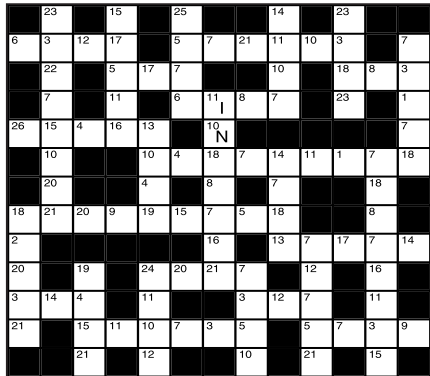
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No.221

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I	T	Z	W	O	U	P	N	H	Q	S	C	A
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

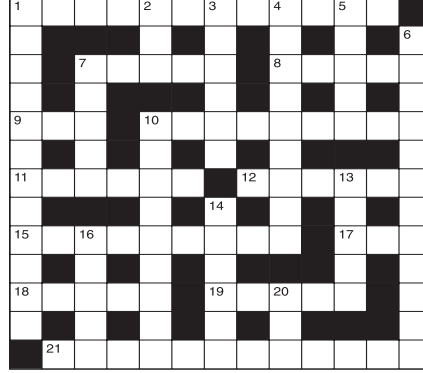
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Lighted match? (8,4)
7. Very much inclined to soak! (5)
8. Loop with a ring in the nose (5)
9. Pot plant? (3)
10. Turning quite sour and blue-green! (9)
11. Duty-free (6)
12. Descriptive of a man who can't settle (2,4)
15. Drivers of it can give one a lift no more (3-6)
17. Hasten from the chief (3)
18. Either way, it's essential to a helicopter (5)
19. The flighty take to them (5)
21. They throw things around spiritedly (12)

Down

1. How one knows immediately that someone is surprised? (4,3,5)
2. Stamp that will expire? (3)
3. Significance of what you bring in (6)
4. One taking part in the arms race? (3-6)
5. N. Zealander in the cinema or in the theatre (5)
6. Always greater, in spite of that (12)
7. Not immediately required to show mercy (5)
10. The one you keep under your hat? (3,6)
13. Those reformed show character (5)
14. An artist who might be other things to her (6)
16. Excel with an al-fresco celebration (5)
20. She is seven points short (3)



Quick Clues:

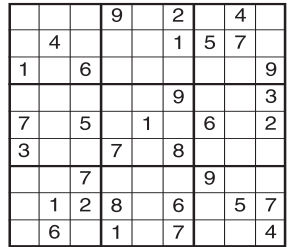
Across

1. Recollection (12)
7. Gloomy (5)
8. Bring on oneself (5)
9. Day before (3)
10. Desecration (9)
11. Agree (6)
12. Price list (6)
15. Explain (9)
17. Tree (3)
18. Wake up (5)
19. Revile (5)
21. Airing frame (7-5)

Down

1. Brazilian port (3-2-7)
2. Born (3)
3. Rigid (6)
4. Get rid of (9)
5. Hidden store (5)
6. Gratis (4,2,6)
7. Sediment (5)
10. Feeling (9)
13. Silly (5)
14. Leave empty (6)
16. Normal (5)
20. Expression of disgust (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	5	2	4	8	7	1	3	9
8	3	1	6	2	9	4	5	7
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1	9	6	2	4	3	7	8	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Appeals; 8 Hearts; 9 Contest; 10 Recipe; 11 Peared; 12 Portrait; 18 Larboard; 20 Detour; 21 Better; 22 Cortage; 23 Scores; 24 Regatta. Down: 1 Therapy; 2 Lascars; 3 Stupor; 5 Prompter; 6 Esteem; 7 Lessee; 13 All right; 14 Canisters; 15 Address; 16 Decode; 17 Portia; 19 Bleach. QUICK - Across: 4 Special; 8 Thread; 9 Alarmed; 10 Putrid; 11 Malady; 12 Necklace; 18 Allocate; 20 Strand; 21 Racket; 22 Sublime; 23 Loosen; 24 Terrace. Down: 1 Slipend; 2 Protect; 3 Labial; 5 Pell-mell; 6 Circle; 7 Agenda; 13 Academic; 14 Mawkish; 15 Destiny; 16 Attune; 17 Taller; 19 Orator.

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5 203 PRIORITY ROAD, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B26 1ST	Freehold Vacant Residential	£300,000 - £370,000	42 FORMER WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, BETWEEN 159 AND 173 HEATH END ROAD, CHIV 7,8	Freehold Vacant Residential	£35,000 - £90,000
6 REAR WORKSHOP 2278 DODDLE ROAD, JACKSON GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B27 8EY	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£4,000 - 18,000	43 3 HIGH STREET, MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE, T99 1PY	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£35,000 - £75,000
7 15 PEMERROKE CLOSE, WILLOWHALL, WEST MIDLANDS W11 2SU	Freehold Vacant Residential	£72,000 - £78,000	44 2 ALEXANDRA ROAD, HALLOWES, WEST MIDLANDS B65 4JU	Leasehold Vacant Commercial	£30,000 - £40,000
8 1 CONINGTON ROAD, KINGSTON, BIRMINGHAM B44 0BU	Freehold Vacant Residential	£150,000 - £170,000	45 24 CROFT AVENUE, GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM B45 1L	Leasehold Residential Investment	£35,000 - £50,000
9 347 BORDERS CLOSE, BIRMINGHAM B15 5Y	Freehold Vacant Residential	£280,000 - £340,000	46 APARTMENT 5, SUN HOUSE, 9-10 BENNETT HILL, BIRMINGHAM B2 9SS	Leasehold Residential Investment	£35,000 - £50,000
10 128 LOCKE ROAD, HOCKLEY, BIRMINGHAM B18 8SU	Freehold Vacant Residential	£72,000 - £78,000	47 4 HOLDSBURN HILL, NECHILLS, BIRMINGHAM B7 5PA	Freehold Vacant Residential	£275,000 - £300,000
11 8/9 CLOSE, CHELSEA, WALSLEY, WEST MIDLANDS B65 6AA	Leasehold Vacant Commercial	£150,000 - £150,000	48 74 BEESBEE ROAD, BEARWOOD, WEST MIDLANDS B70 6HH	Freehold Residential Investment	£135,000 - £145,000
12 2 ST STEPHENS ROAD, SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM B29 7FP	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£292,000 - £360,000	49 123 THE COMMON, CARLWICK, SOLIHULL, WEST MIDLANDS B38 4SH	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£210,000 - £250,000
13 1 MIDDLEMORE LANE, LUDGATE, WALSLEY, WEST MIDLANDS B65 6AA	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£270,000 - £295,000	50 1172 AND PART OF 1174 THRAPGOOD ROAD, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B28 8AF	Freehold Building Plot	£90,000 - £100,000
14 1 MIDDLEMORE LANE, LUDGATE, WALSLEY, WEST MIDLANDS B65 6AA	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£150,000 - £170,000	51 31 BARCLAY ROAD, BEARWOOD, WEST MIDLANDS B67 5Y	Freehold Three Storey Retail Premises	£170,000 - PLUS
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16 22 HOGGATE SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM B12 0DU	Freehold Vacant Residential	£170,000 - £195,000	53 2 KENILWORTH ROAD, LUDLOW, LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKSHIRE CV33 8TG	Freehold Vacant Residential	£100,000 - £110,000
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18 82 HOLLY ROAD, HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM B20 2DA	Leasehold Vacant Commercial	£125,000 - PLUS	55 124 PERSHORE ROAD, STROCKLEY, BIRMINGHAM B20 2HU	Freehold Commercial Investment	£90,000 - £100,000
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21 233 LUDLOWS ROAD, LUDLOWS, BIRMINGHAM B19 1HJ	Freehold Vacant Residential	£48,000 - £53,000	58 45 HARWAY WAY, KINGSTON, WEST MIDLANDS B71 8Y	Freehold Vacant Residential	£150,000 - PLUS
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28 51 SEBENT STREET, WILLOWHALL, WEST MIDLANDS W11 3TL	Freehold Vacant Residential	£48,000 - £54,000	65 FLAT 2, GARRISTON GRANGE, 353 BIRMINGHAM ROAD, SUTTON COLDFIELD B72 1DL	Leasehold Vacant Residential	£45,000 - £50,000
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33 21A, 21B, 23, 25, 27 WINDMILL END, DUDLEY WEST MIDLANDS DY1 9HU	Freehold Vacant Residential	£250,000 - £280,000			
34 70 SUFFRAGE STREET, ROWLEY REGIS, WEST MIDLANDS B65 3PZ	Leasehold Residential Investment	£30,000 - PLUS			
35 101 WOODMILLS ROAD, WARD END, BIRMINGHAM B27 2TD	Freehold Vacant Residential	£14,000 - £18,000			
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The Brake

* Mid Terraced House
* Three Bedrooms
* Downstairs wc
* Pleasant Rear Garden
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* EPC = D
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15 Beechwood Court

435-437 Halesowen Road
* Ground Floor Flat
* One Bedroom
* Living room
* Kitchen
* UPVC double glazing to windows
* Convenient location
* Electric heating
EPC = D
Monthly rent of £370 + application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £85 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit req 6 weeks rent.



4 Heath Street

* Modern semi-detached house
* 3 bedrooms
* double glazed windows
* gas boiler/radiator heating system
* bathroom with shower over bath
* carpets/floor coverings EPC=C
Monthly rent of £585 + application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £85 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.



4 The Old Vicarage

439 Halesowen Road
* First floor flat
* Two bedrooms
* One bedroom
* Fitted kitchen
* Night storage heating
* Parking in communal grounds
* Convenient location
* EPC = F
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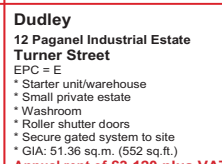
4D Wassell Road

* Modern first floor apartment
* Two bedrooms
* Open plan lounge & stylish fitted kitchen
* Gas central heating & DG windows
* Off road parking
* Available from end of May 2013
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Block of 7 Lock Up Garages close to junction 2 of the M5 motorway. Site area 0.04 hectares (0.11 acres).
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10 Bramble Close

* modern terraced house
* 2 bedrooms
* double glazed windows
* gas boiler/radiator heating
* contemporary bathroom
* additional enclosed parking at rear
EPC = C
Monthly rent of £550 + application fee £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £85 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.



15 Old Port Close

* First Floor Flat
* NEWLY REFURBISHED
* EPC = C
* One Bedroom
* Open plan kitchen/living room
* Night storage heating
* Car space
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Located close to central Halesowen, and close to shops and transport links this large unfurnished semi detached house features 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, 4 bedrooms, large bathroom with separate shower, garage and driveway parking, gardens, lovely views from bedroom 2. EPC: D

£775 PCM



HALESOWEN, INKBERROW ROAD

A 3/4 bedroom town house located in central Halesowen on the popular Hurstons Estate comprising: modern fitted kitchen, large living room, 3 double bedrooms plus bedroom fourthly. Gas central heating. Double glazed throughout. Bathroom with shower. Driveway for 3/4 vehicles. Garage not included. Private rear garden. Not to be missed! EPC: D

£675 PCM



HALESOWEN, WHITTINGHAM ROAD

The best position for Newfield Primary School and Halesowen College. This large 3 bedroom semi-detached house features fitted kitchen with double oven and gas hob, utility room/storage area, huge lounge with patio doors to a nice sized rear garden, modern bathroom with y' shaped bath and shower, driveway parking and garage. EPC: F

£650 PCM



HALESOWEN, SANDERSON PLACE

Luxury living in Hayley Green. This superb luxury 1st floor apartment offers spacious accommodation including open plan lounge/kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, master with en-suite, a further well appointed bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. EPC: B

£600 PCM



OLDBURY, ST MATTHEWS ROAD

Refurbished to a high standard. This 3 bedroom mid-terrace property in Oldbury/Quinton area has lounge, fitted kitchen, blow air central heating, white bathroom suite with shower, separate wc, rear garden with parking. Available immediately. EPC: C

£600 PCM



HALESOWEN, NEW JOHN STREET

Well presented terraced house within walking distance to Blackheath. This large mid terrace house features 3 good sized bedrooms, gas central heating, lounge, fitted dining kitchen with range cooker, utility room, guest WC, bathroom with shower, large garden, driveway parking. EPC: D

£550 PCM



CRADLEY HEATH, TIMBERTREE CRESCENT

Located within easy reach of Timbertree School. This semi detached house has been fully refurbished to a high standard and features 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen diner, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, rear garden having outbuildings. On road parking. Available immediately. EPC: C

£525 PCM



HALESOWEN, BEECHER ROAD

An unfurnished semi detached house, ideally located for local shops, buses and Colley Lane Primary School, briefly comprising 3 bedrooms, lounge, fitted dining kitchen, gas central heating, double glazing, downstairs bathroom, laundry room, en-suite shower room to master bedroom, driveway parking, front and rear gardens. A value for money property. EPC: D

£525 PCM



BARTLEY GREEN, LUDFORD ROAD

Located in the woodgate area, ideal for the local primary school, this newly decorated 3 bedroom semi detached house features fitted kitchen, large lounge, house bathroom with shower, driveway parking, mature rear garden. EPC: D

£525 PCM



HALESOWEN, ADAMS COURT

Conveniently located for local shops and buses to Halesowen and Stourbridge. A large and spacious ground floor apartment features modern decor and fixtures and benefiting from gas central heating, spacious living room, fitted kitchen with white goods, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower cub and allocated parking space. EPC: C

£525 PCM



HALESOWEN, COLLEY LANE

Wonderfully presented and modern. A mid-terrace house on a popular road which is close to Colley Gate Primary School and local shops. Featuring 2 double bedrooms, large dining kitchen, modern lounge, house bathroom with shower, downstairs WC, tiled garden, on road parking. Available 7th June. Not to be missed! EPC: C

£525 PCM



HALESOWEN, GREEN LANE

An unfurnished end of terraced property close to all amenities featuring 3 double bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, new upstairs bathroom with shower, double glazing throughout, gas central heating, off-road secure parking space at rear of property. EPC: E

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TIPTON, PEARTREE AVENUE

Cul-de-sac location. This deceptively large 3 bedroom terraced house has undergone a redecoration. It features a spacious lounge, large modern fitted kitchen, house bathroom with shower, nice sized garden, driveway parking and is in a quiet cul-de-sac location. EPC: C

£500 PCM



HALESOWEN, TENTERFIELDS

An exceptional opportunity to rent a double room in a shared house, with no bills to pay at all, cleaning done for you, towels and tea and coffee supplied for each room. Also the use of free WiFi, use of the lounge, kitchen, office room. All rooms have their own en-suite facilities. Well worth a viewing, and ideal for a single person.

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STOURBRIDGE, BAGLEY STREET

Deceptively large and within walking distance to Stourbridge town centre. This lovely semi-detached house features a great lounge, large dining kitchen with gas oven and hob, 2 double bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, nice sized rear garden, on road parking, double glazing, gas central heating available now. EPC: TBC

£485 PCM



HALESOWEN, CLEINT HOUSE

Stunning views from this top floor apartment. Located within walking distance to Halesowen, this apartment features 2 double bedrooms, a light and airy lounge, house bathroom with shower, fitted kitchen with a small fridge, warm air heating, double glazing, available now. EPC: D

£475 PCM



ROWLEY REGIS, AQUA COURT

This new build second floor apartment, a stones throw away from Blackheath town centre comprises: one double bedroom, open plan lounge/kitchen with fridge freezer and washer/dryer, house bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, Juliet balcony, allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: B

£450 PCM



LYE, HIGH STREET

Fully refurbished in the centre of Lye. This large and spacious 1st floor apartment has a lovely lounge with a feature bay window, 2 good sized bedrooms, new bathroom suite, but no shower, modern and contemporary kitchen with oven and hob, electric heating, double glazing, on road parking. Available now. EPC: F

£450 PCM



NETHERTON, ST GEORGES ROAD

Spacious and quiet. A totally refurbished 1st floor apartment featuring electric storage heating, living room, fitted kitchen with a fridge freezer, 1 double bedroom with fitted wardrobes, house bathroom with shower, rear garden, parking space. EPC: D

£395 PCM



NETHERTON, BAPTIST END ROAD

An unfurnished 1st floor flat comprising: living room, fitted kitchen, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower, electric storage heating, double glazing, parking space to rear, communal garden. EPC: D

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DUDLEY, BLACKACRE ROAD

Luxury contemporary living, serviced studios 1.4 and 5 all with shared broadband facilities. Will include council tax, broadband, servicing, heating and hot water plus sky tv.

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Property

Four-bed home set in third of an acre



The spacious, extended property



The garden has patio with steps to a lawn

A VERY spacious extended four bedroom house in gardens of around a third of an acre is on the market priced at £357,000.

The property in Coalway Road, Penn, is well served by a wide range of local amenities and close to the popular Woodfield Avenue Primary School – with Wolverhampton city centre and university within easy travelling distance.

The house has a large and impressive entrance hall with feature staircase and gallery landing, with a downstairs cloakroom and dining room, south-facing living room, breakfast room, newly refitted kitchen and spacious utility room.

Upstairs are four good double bedrooms, with the bathroom and toilet recently refurbished.

The house has retained its original stained glass windows at the front, benefitting from secondary double glazing, while the back and side have newly fitted uPVC double glazed windows.

On the ground floor the guest cloakroom has a toilet and wash hand basin while the dining room is 17ft by 13ft 6in and the lounge – 16ft 1in by 13ft 5in – has a feature art deco mahogany open fireplace with decorative tile insert and hearth and French doors to the rear garden.

Breakfast

The interconnecting kitchen and breakfast room – 21ft 6in by 10ft 4in – has built-in china cupboards and shelves in the breakfast area, while the kitchen has a stainless steel sink, range of fitted units, granite work surfaces, built in oven and grill with extractor fan and built-in dishwasher.

A utility, 8ft 3in by 8ft 1in, has a stainless steel sink, base, drawer and wall units, space for freezer, plumbing for washing machine and vent for tumble dryer.

Garage

On the first floor are four bedrooms, a bathroom with P-shaped bath with shower over and vanity unit with wash basin, with a separate toilet.

Outside the house stands well back from the road with a lawned front garden, block paved driveway with parking for several cars and leading to a built-in garage.

The large, landscaped rear garden has a paved patio, raised beds, shapes lawn, mature trees and shrubs and arch to orchard with further lawned area and numerous fruit trees, as well as a garden shed.

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Semi detached two bedroom property comprising kitchen, lounge, bathroom, garage, rear garden and driveway.

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EPC D

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A well presented, semi detached, two bedroom property, comprising lounge/diner, modern kitchen, bathroom, rear garden, driveway and storage garage.

Maple Road, Dudley



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Semi detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, rear garden and garage.

Ashenhurst Road, Dudley



NEW

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Offers Over £100,000

Semi detached two bedroom property comprising extended kitchen/diner, lounge/diner, rear garden and driveway.

Greaves Road, Dudley



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Mid terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens.

City Road, Tividale



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£80,000

Semi detached two bedroom property comprising lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Drews Holloway, Halesowen



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A traditional semi detached house comprising lounge, study, lounge/diner, conservatory and master bedroom with en-suite. Halesowen

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An extended traditional semi detached house comprising lounge, extended kitchen/breakfast room and three bedrooms. Halesowen

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EPC C

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Semi detached house with four bedrooms, garden and off road parking. Viewing is recommended. Halesowen.

Wiltshire Drive, Halesowen



EPC D

OIRO £110,000

Modern semi detached property situated in a cul-de-sac. The property comprises kitchen, three bedrooms, front and rear gardens. Halesowen.

New Pool Road, Cradley Heath



EPC D

£90,000

An end terraced property comprising porch, WC, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Halesowen

Mill Road, Cradley Heath



EPC D

£90,000

A semi detached house comprising lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens. Halesowen

St. James Avenue, Rowley Regis



EPC C

£84,000

Modern semi detached property comprising lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, family bathroom, drive, garage, front and rear gardens. Halesowen.

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Motoring

Big van event is offering better deals on Vauxhalls



Dudley Motor Company is taking part in Vauxhall's 10-day Big Van Event from May 17 to May 27

VAN drivers and business bosses are being invited to a Dudley dealers to take advantage of a range of offers being staged as part of its Big Van Event.

Dudley Motor Company, is targeting drivers and bosses in the borough and surrounding areas to take advantage of a range of offers available from Vauxhall.

Between May 17 and 27, the dealership on Trindle Road, is offering customers £500 of fuel free with new vans ordered during the promotion*, as well as 20 per cent off all Genuine Vauxhall accessories** for new van customers.

These savings are on top of Vauxhall's innovative '4x4x4x4' offer, which is already available to van buyers.

Rob Gilbert, General Manager at Dudley Motor Company, said: "We're delighted to be offering van buyers in the area the chance to take advantage of a range of fantastic incentives throughout our Big Van Event."

"From helping to make considerable

cost savings at the fuel pumps to discounts on accessories, we're keen to ensure those looking to purchase a new Vauxhall van make the most of the great offers we have available.

"What's more, all Vauxhall Accessories come with a minimum one-year warranty, so customers can drive away knowing they'll receive the best after-care and service, too."

"We'd like to invite customers to come along to our dealership, join in the event and drive away with some great savings."

Summer

There are many reasons to head to Dudley Motor Company any time this spring and summer to explore the range of offers available on Vauxhall vans, including the manufacturer's great value '4x4x4x4' commercial vehicle incentive.

From Vauxhall's multi-award-winning Combo to the well-equipped, functional and practical Corsavan, versatile Vivaro and hugely capable Movano, customers can enjoy a great deal of choice when selecting their

ideal van to suit their business needs and their budget. Those who purchase any new Vauxhall commercial vehicle from the dealer can take advantage of four years' 0 per cent APR representative finance and four years' free servicing including routine service parts and labour.

Plus, customers get the reassurance of four-year breakdown assistance from the AA and four-year warranty.

To take advantage of Vauxhall's 4x4x4x4 offer, van customers simply choose the model that suits their business needs, pay a minimum 20 per cent deposit (plus VAT on the total transaction price), and make regular repayments for the agreed term at zero per cent APR representative for four years.

To find out more about the Big Van Event and the promotions available, please contact Dudley Motor Company at Trindle Road, Dudley DY2 7AZ. Alternatively, call 01384 454100.

*£500 including VAT Free Fuel offer applies to commercial vehicle orders from 17 to 27 May 2013 only. Exclusions, terms and conditions apply.

**Includes fitted and painted items, Vauxhall paint protection and all infotainment systems

Suzuki's new Burgman is a luxury maxi-scooter

SUZUKI GB has announced pricing and availability of the 2013 Burgman 650 ABS Executive.

The new Burgman 650 is competitively priced at £8,799, and boasts heated rider and pillion seat, heated grips, electronically adjustable screen and fold in mirrors, over 50 litres of storage and three drive modes as standard.

Praised by many as the original luxury maxi-scooter for its smooth engine and rider comfort, the 2013 Burgman 650 also benefits from a host of technical changes to improve fuel efficiency and reduce clutch drag, as well as updated styling.

Comfort

The new Burgman is arriving in dealers now.

Suzuki's General Manager, Paul de Lusignan commented: "We're beginning to see an emerging trend in the big capacity scooter market, and find that a lot of owners are now not just using them for commuting or nipping around, but are actually using them to cover long distances and see them as very capable tourers."

"We decided to launch the new model in the Highlands as the location not only provided some stunning scenery, but also highlighted the elevated rider comfort and practicality of the new Burgman, too, a model we think is going to appeal to a whole new audience."

"Not only is the price very competitive, but the standard equipment levels are the highest on the market."

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Suzuki's 2013 Burgman 650 ABS Executive which is coming soon



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SUSIE fun loving mum with GSOH seeks gentle considerate to get to know better. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404627 ☞

ANNA 38yr old friendly female seeking similar considerate male to enjoy nice quiet loving times together with good humour and affection. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404561 ☞

GILL green eyes, fair hair, medium build, shy, many interests, loves animals, countryside, walking, WLTm male for companionship maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404549 ☞

APRIL, lovely 21yrs old curvy girl seeks mature male to nurture me in every way, looks unimportant, must be experienced. Tel No: 0905 002 1956 Box No: 403931

WIDOW young hearted 70's, N/S, likes reading, concerts, gardening, meals out, WLTm younger gentleman with similar interests. Stafford area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404177

SHARON medium built lovely, 33yrs, pale complexion, nice eyes, feminine, outgoing, confident, enjoys varied interests, WLTm all round nice guy for adult relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403345 ☞

CAROL South African lonely heart 37yrs, looking for fun with mature gent 50plus, likes dining in/out, discretion assured/appreciated. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403337 ☞

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JANE 48yrs West Midlands, likes meals out, cinema, theatre, looking for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403949

48YR old attractive female seeking local fun maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403947

WOMAN 55yrs old, N/S, size 14, likes animals, nature, reading, tv, quiet life, seeks man 45-55, N/S for friendship, maybe more. Staffordshire. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404447 ☞

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JANE attractive, seeking male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403807

KEELEY 18yr old slim broadminded blonde, blue eyes, enjoys most things in life, WLTm older guy for fun meets. Discretion assured. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403581 ☞

JULIE gorgeous 40, loves the outdoors, theatre, WLTm energetic open-minded fun male up to 60yrs who like me is very loving and tactile. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403571 ☞

TINA fun loving single mum who enjoys most things in life, seeking happy guy with GSOH for meals in, dates out, possible romance and adult companionship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403567 ☞

FUN loving lady, outgoing, honest, caring, likes socialising, seeks older male, 50-70. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 383325 ☞

KIND romantic female, 50, seeking a male to talk, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386429 ☞

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, 5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes meals out, GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male with GSOH, 58-62. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 364651 ☞

CARING lady, 52, brown hair/eyes, seeks male, 30-60 for socialising, meals out, cinema, music, sports and having a laugh. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392883 ☞

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 384852

43YR old female, bubbly, down to earth, trustworthy, honest, caring, seeks male, 45 plus. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402945 ☞

APRIL big bubbly 21yr old female who enjoys nights out, music, WLTm caring, loving older male, 30-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402789 ☞

LONG haired blonde, 37, enjoys meals out but would love to cook a romantic meal for the man of her dreams. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 361076 ☞

TALL curvy female, 36dd, loves music, looking for fun and romance with dark male. Give me a call. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 359238 ☞

61YR old lady 5ft 2ins, medium build, long dark hair, smoker, seeks smart gent who wants to get out and about for good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396409

BIG is beautiful! Female looking for someone to share a life time of happiness with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 368528 ☞

SLIM fit, bubbly female can't wait to meet a tall, slim, fit, mature male who thinks he can keep up. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 367066 ☞

ATTRACTIVE lady, GSOH, slim, dark hair, 50's, likes walks, films, art, meals out, seeks male with GSOH and similar interests for friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 399245

CARLA 41, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 2ins, loving, seeking male who likes walks, cinema and romantic meals. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396127

AMY 19yr old single female looking for much older naughty male for discreet fun times only. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403381 ☞

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BIG bubbly black female, single mum, looking for male for nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392501

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SARAH 32, attractive, brunette, slim, looking for male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392979

GRACE Jones lookalike, black lady, 5ft 11ins, OHAC, WLTm male, 45-65, 6ft plus for relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397681

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BERNIE Beautiful black lady with no ties seeks her King, curvy, intelligent, feminine and all you will ever need, what are you waiting for? Call me. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402991 ☞

ALISON 37 animal loving female who enjoys a quiet life, cooking, seeks older respectful male 42-60yrs to enjoy meals out and cosy nights in. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402793 ☞

HI I am Sara 21, a petite single mum, sporty, caring and looking for reliable, well groomed male 30-40yrs for adult 1-2-1. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402771 ☞

JEANETTE 35, blonde blue eyed attractive active nurse who really cares about people. WLTm someone genuine and honest to fall in love with. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402655 ☞

LISA 30's tall slim beauty looking for dining partner to romance, pamper and appreciate me in return for my times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402645 ☞

SUE 5ft 2ins female, brown hair/eyes, loving, likes music, socialising, films, good times, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393223

FEMALE looking for stocky male, 50-60 to share a happy life. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386169 ☞

IRENE 55, blonde hair, brown eyes, loving, caring, genuine, N/S, lots of love to give, seeks male, 55-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392807

BLONDE attractive educated lady 50, young minded, seeks professional tall male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391818 ☞

PROFESSIONAL tall, slim, attractive, bubbly, genuine lady, seeks tall, professional, genuine guy, 40-50. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 215244

SLIM curvy blonde, 44, professional, seeks tall, professional male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 171231

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GAIL 52, blonde hair, 5ft 2ins, likes nights out, seeks N/S male, 50-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402041

LOVING caring young 68yr old female, 5ft 2ins, slim-medium build, size 12, smoker, seeks slim, well dressed guy with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 399923 ☞

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BROADMINDED 42yr old male, GSOH, caring, loving good personality seeks female for fun friendship, relationship and adult fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404623 ☞

CARING male looking for LTR with lady 50's-60's, 17stone plus. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404585 ☞

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SINGLE male 59, no ties, honest, loyal, serene nature, seeks mature female with the view to becoming lifetime soul mates. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404527 ☞

GARY 39 seeks female 30-50 for fun, maybe relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404487 ☞

ASIAN male 6, 5ft 8ins, slim-medium build, caring, kind, GSOH, WLTm single female 35-45 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404453 ☞

ROUGH diamond 45 looking for older lady, the older the better, for fun times, can accommodate, let me entertain you. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404347 ☞

MALE 73yrs fit, N/S, OHAC, WLTm slim lady of similar age for days out, holidays and walking. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403895

ANDY 46, looking for female, 40 plus for fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403869 ☞

MIKE 43yrs, 5ft 10ins, short brown hair, blue eyes, loving, caring personality, very generous, WLTm lady 20-40yrs for LTR. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403901 ☞

MIKE 45, bored, seeks female, any age for adult fun and good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403461 ☞

JOHN 59, 5ft 8ins, OHAC, GSOH, seeks lady, 46-55, likes meals out and in. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403273 ☞

SINGLE male, 60, WLTm local lady with strong physical needs for regular contact with no commitment initially. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 377459

VINCE 52, caring, seeking female for fun and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 401683 ☞

TALL dark, good looking male, 53, seeks attractive female for daytime fun and exciting times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393380 ☞

ROBERT 72, young looking, retired carpenter, N/S, not drinker, seeks kind, black lady in Wolverhampton area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403641

45YR old British Asian male, 5ft 9ins, slim-medium build, kind, caring, GSOH, likes romantic meals, nights in, films, music, walks, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403631 ☞

TALL blue eyed 49yr old gent, N/S looking for soul mate, slim lady with no ties and plenty of love to give and receive, is that you? Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404121 ☞

KIND caring gent 41, 5ft 11ins, fit build, WLTm similar lady for friendship, maybe more, likes music, the outdoors and eating out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404055 ☞

COVENTRY male, single, 6ft 1ins, 42, caring, GSOH, loves animals, Tai Chi, seeks female, 20-55, single mums ok, any nationality for nice times in/out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 384677

SFT 7ins male, looking for lady, 30-40 in Leamington Spa/Warwickshire area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403731

BLACK guy 67, feels 50, looks 40, fit, active, seeks N/S, genuine, caring female with GSOH, 63-70yrs for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404255 ☞

RETIRED 45yr old male, likes travel home/abroad, sailing out, WLTm caring lady for friendship, maybe more. Shropshire. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404237

KARL 40, fun loving, caring, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 389662

BRIAN 60's, ordinary man, strong needs, seeks affectionate lady for close friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396765

ATTRACTIVE male, 55, seeks older female, 50-70 for close, adult fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397189

60'S male, medium build, fit, high drive, seeks south Midlands lady who enjoys occasional male evening/weekend company. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 381307

45YR old British Asian male, 5ft 9ins, slim-medium build, kind, caring, GSOH, likes romantic meals, nights in, films, music, walks, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403631 ☞

GARY kind, caring, seeks special lady, any age for fun times and more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403585 ☞

MICHAEL 50, nice eyes, seeking female companion for holidays and weekends away, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 401479 ☞

ATTRACTIVE male, late 40's, seeks attractive female for fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 311713

TIGER Woods lookalike seeks mature, big, beautiful lady for fun and frolics. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403867 ☞

29YR old female, likes holidays, cinema, clubs, seeks male for friendship and fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403759 ☞

PAUL 60, medium build, fit, virile with strong needs, WLTm West Midlands lady for regular mutual pleasure. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 374821

PATRICK 60's, single, likes sports, music, reading, seeks lady friend to share evenings/weekend meetings together. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396053

WEST Midlands single guy 60, strong, WLTm affectionate lady, your place or mine for uncommitted enjoyment. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396807

WARREN 60's, romantic, WLTm affectionate lady for evenings/weekend meetings and close friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392191

32YR old slim, dark haired, adventurous, creative, caring, likes music, cycling, photography, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 352753 ☞

STEVE 63, tall, fit, young outlook, likes travel, socialising, holidays, N/S, seeks local lady, 55-60 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402931

MALE 5ft 8ins, athletic, GSOH, seeks older lady for fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 402357

HARDWORKING 41yr old male, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403131 ☞

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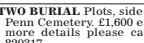
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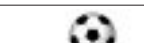
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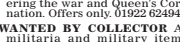
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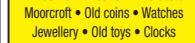
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Winner Tai Woffinden, centre, is flanked by runner-up Scott Nicholls, left, and third-placed Chris Harris on the Monmore Green podium. Pictures: John Hipkiss Photography

Woffy's crown as he thwarts Harris charge

BIRMINGHAM Speedway star Chris Harris was foiled in his bid for a fourth British championship.

The Brummies ace was hoping to make inroads on the gap to Coventry star Scott Nicholls' record tally of seven British crowns in Monday's final at Wolverhampton. Harris, an acknowledged Monmore Green track specialist, looked quick all night and dropped just two points from his five qualifying rides to go directly to the grand final.

But he had to be content with the third step on the rostrum as home hero Tai Woffinden took his first British senior crown with Coventry's Nicholls runner-up.

Surprise package Craig Cook, of Belle Vue, was fourth while Birmingham's Danny King went out at the semi-final stage after scoring 10 and Ben Barker could muster only four.

Woffinden reeled off six perfect rides to secure the title on home shale.

He immediately dedicated his success to the memory of his father Rob and ex-GP star Lee Richardson.

The meeting was staged on the first anniversary of Richardson's death from injuries sustained in a crash in Poland - and Woffinden senior died three years ago.

Special
"I'd like to dedicate this to Lee and my dad," said Woffinden, who rocketed from the tapes in the grand final and never looked like being caught after that.

From the moment he raced to victory in his opening ride there was a sense something special was about to happen.

Woffinden continued his dominance with further victories in his next three rides after some blistering gating.

He was handed a real challenge for the first time in heat 19 when Birmingham skipper King emerged from the first bend ahead - yet Woffinden effortlessly picked him off to complete a clean sweep of wins in the qualifying heats.

Having booked a passage directly to the final, Woffinden overcame any doubts with a tapes-to-flag victory to send his home supporters into raptures.

Defending champion Nicholls and Harris joined Woffinden on the rostrum after their eight-year dominance of the event was brought to an end.

Nicholls put in a characteristically gritty display, recovering from a slow start to notch three consecutive wins - the pick of which came with a sublime last-lap pass of King in heat 13.

The trio were joined in the final by Cook, who continues to go from strength to strength having only made the switch to speedway from motocross a few years ago.

Swindon's Eddie Kennett, like King, missed out at the semi-final stage having earlier looked capable of providing Woffinden's sternest challenge.

He had looked an early front-runner after three straight wins - yet he failed to book a place directly in the final and was passed late on by Nicholls in a tight semi.



Birmingham's Danny King on the inside of Tai Woffinden

Monmore scorers

Tai Woffinden 15, Chris Harris 13, Craig Cook 12, Edward Kennett 12, Scott Nicholls 11, Danny King 10, Josh Auld 8, Jason Garry 8, Chris Schramm 6, Oliver Allen 5, Richie Worrall 5, Kyle Howarth 5, Ben Barker 4, Ashley Birks 2, James Wright 1, Joe Haines 1, Kyle Newman 1 (reserve).
Semi-final: Cook, Nicholls, Kennett, King. **Final:** Woffinden, Nicholls, Harris, Cook.

Six shots separate George in defeat

Moor Lane 219 The George 213 FOR the third week running, The George firsts lost a tight bowls match to single figures.

This Warwick and Worcester Premier Division One match was close all the way. After the first four, The George trailed by four shots with each side having two winners, Jamie Dunn (21-11) and Pete Davenport (21-19) for The George.

In the middle four games, wins by Paul Greene (21-7) and Marc Wilson (21-20) saw The George take a seven-shot lead.

But their usually strong back four could not hold off Moor Lane and despite wins by Shane Day and Alan Belcher (both 21-18) they went down by six shots.

Woodfield 244 The George 165 The seconds were well beaten on the tricky Woodfield green by 79 shots in the South Staffs Premier. They were never in contention and recorded only two wins – Eric Winstone (21-14) and Keith Walton (21-20).

The George 211 Baldwin 205 The thirds beat a strong Baldwin side by six shots in Warwick and Worcester Alliance Division Three.

Wins by Joe Arnott (21-16), Vic Millward (21-17) and Bill Chiswell (21-20) put them four shots up after the first four. The visitors fought back in the middle four and went two up, despite Dave Hill and Steve Wytton's 21-17 wins.

Each side had two winners in the last four but big margins for The George's Terry Williams (21-9) and Bob Sansom (21-14) took it.

Seniors are washed out

ALL four West Bromwich Dartmouth senior cricket sides had their matches abandoned on Saturday because of rain.

The firsts, playing at Wolverhampton in the Birmingham and District Premier, had reached 169-5 when the heavens opened.

Zeeshan Asif hit 45 not out and Nav Poonia 37.

The seconds were 18-2 after dismissing Bridgnorth for 126 (Anaesh Patel 3-9).

Pelsall declared at 175-5 against the fourths while not a ball was bowled in the thirds' game with Rugeley.

On Saturday, the firsts travel to Wombourne with the seconds at home.



Albion struggled to keep their heads above water in the 4-0 thrashing at Carrow Road



Grant Holt walks the ball in after Ben Foster's error gave him the easiest of finishes

Baggies beached as the party turns flat

Norwich 4 Albion 0

WHEN Albion's fans announced plans for a Norfolk beach party, this wasn't what they had in mind.

While supporters donned fancy dress and dug out the inflatables, they didn't expect to see their players in metaphorical flip-flops, writes **Steve Madeley**.

Perversely, perhaps they should have been pleased. There have been few occasions in recent years when the Baggies could turn in a performance as shocking as this with so few real consequences.

But try telling the travelling fans at Carrow Road that defeat didn't matter. Steve Clarke's men saved their biggest reverse of the season for the day their followers had reserved for celebration.

And, with 2,400 fans decked out in summer wear for their final away game of the season, Clarke's side gave the impression that their minds had already turned to the coastal resorts of the world.

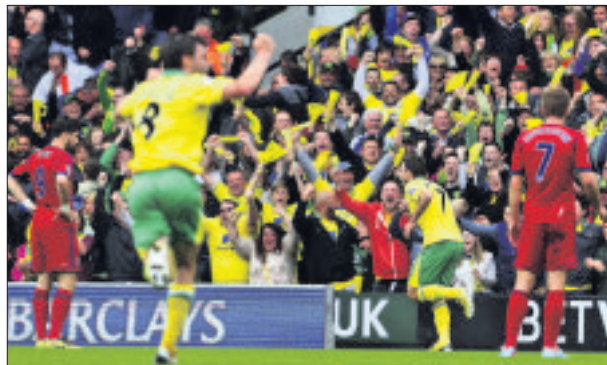
While Norwich were a team so obviously desperate for a win to save their Premier League skins for another season, the Baggies looked like a side for whom Steve Clarke's pre-season target of 50 points had become washed away by a torrent of post-Christmas complacency.

The Baggies players' gesture of throwing their shirts into the crowd within seconds of the final whistle at least suggested they understood the unacceptable nature of their display. It was just a pity they had tossed away the game long before the kit.

Albion now look long-shots to reach Clarke's half-century ambition with a certain knight of the realm hoping to end his legendary career with victory at The Hawthorns this weekend.

If the Baggies produce anything like they did in East Anglia, Sir Alex Ferguson could wave goodbye to football with a hatful of goals.

While Norwich looked crisp, motivated



Home delight as Robert Snodgrass opens the scoring for Norwich against Albion

and robust, the Baggies were lethargic, insipid and sluggish – a team with all to play for against a side so evidently with minds elsewhere. Perhaps a little loss of intensity is inevitable in a team already secure. But the sheer scale of the capitulation was still tough for Albion fans to take.

With the home crowd fired up by a pre-match former players' parade, the Canaries flew from the traps. They snapped into tackles and closed down Albion with intent in the opening exchanges. They gave the Baggies a scare when Anthony Pilkington was given time and space just inside the box to hit a shot that was parried by Ben Foster.

But the visitors failed to heed the warning and were behind on 25 minutes.

Grant Holt's cross was headed down by Ryan Bennett and, although Foster dived bravely at the feet of Wes Hoolahan to deny the Ireland man, the ball broke for Robert

Snodgrass to lash home from a tricky angle. And the visitors were grateful to Foster for keeping them within one goal just before the interval when his fingertip save kept out a 25-yard Hoolahan shot.

The second half began with a double substitution for the Baggies and there was a frantic start with a goalmouth scramble at each end. The more fraught of the two came in front of Ben Foster's goal, with the Baggies keeper clearing desperately as Snodgrass waited to pounce.

But the Norwich dominance continued when Grant Holt sneaked in behind substitute Billy Jones to meet a Snodgrass free-kick, only to send a header way off target.

There was no further reprieve for the visitors, who conceded twice in no time just after the hour mark with two of their most reliable performers – Foster and Gareth McAuley – summing up their team's day.



Plenty of support, but the Baggies flagged

First came piece of pure slapstick as Foster produced an air-shot as he attempted to clear a Hoolahan pass and Holt walked the ball into the empty net.

And then the Baggies allowed Ryan Bennett a clear run at a Snodgrass free-kick and, as Jonas Olsson and McAuley attempted to beat him to the ball, the Northern Irishman sent a header past Foster to wrap up the game.

The introduction from the bench of Peter Odemwingie only served to fire up the home fans even more as the striker was roundly booed. But it did little to improve the Baggies' performance. The fourth arrived late on as Jonny Howson exchanged passes with Luciano Becchio before bending a brilliant shot into the top corner past Foster.

It left Baggies fans to reflect on an end-of-season party that their players took far too literally – and consequently turned very flat.

Tigers give Wasps a sting with early goal

Barford Tigers Ladies 2 Birmingham Wasps Ladies 0 BARFORD women's hockey side opened their Summer League campaign with a win over Birmingham Wasps.

Tigers hit the ground running and shocked Wasps with a goal right from the start.

A fine passing move between captain Leanne Homer and Sarah Skidmore released new girl Sarah De Pinna on the right side to ghost past three defenders and cross for Bi Homer to tuck away the chance at the far post.

Another attack by Rav Dhillon down the left resulted in the other Tigers debutant Fiona Prochowski unleashing a shot which brought a stunning diving save from the Wasps keeper.

A period of sustained pressure finally told when Leanne Homer sent a reverse stick shot from the top of the D into the corner.

Wasps responded quickly and forced an excellent save from stand-in keeper Lauren Homer.

Barford maintained the pressure in the second half, but despite Leanne Homer, Skidmore and the impressive De Pinna going close on several occasions they were unable to increase the score.

It's cruise control for Cradley

Wednesfield 0 Cradley Town 3 CRADLEY cruised to a comfortable West Midlands Premier victory over a makeshift Wednesfield side.

After 10 minutes the home goal had a charmed life as keeper Sam Arnold punched out a Chris Bladen header to Matt Poyner, whose deflected shot hit a post. Cradley also had a great chance in the 23rd minute when Jemiah Richards headed wide.

Wednesfield's only first-half chance came when Cradley keeper Matt Jones' poor clearance went to Ben Sanderson, whose tame shot was easily cleared.

The visitors broke through just before half-time, Bladen heading home Jack Pearlman's deep cross.

Cradley made it 2-0 in the 77th minute when Will Tibbetts' left-wing cross was headed home by Pearlman, who got his second three minutes from time.



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Wrestler to debut on home territory

A TEENAGE Halesowen wrestler is poised to make his professional debut – in his home town.

Andrew Rooke, 19, has been training to be a pro wrestler for nearly five years.

Now Rooke – ring name Andy Hendrix – will step between the ropes on Sunday night at Halesowen Members Club, Hagley Road.

"I am thrilled that all my hard work and training has paid off and that I will be making my debut as a pro wrestler," he said.

"What makes it all the more thrilling and overwhelming is that I will be making my debut in Halesowen, in my home town, in front of my friends, my family, all my loved ones."

"I am very happy and cannot wait for my first bout."

The main event of the evening will feature European champion Red Eagle, a masked high-flying wrestler from Lisbon, Portugal against a star from the New York-based Ring Of Honour Promotion – Cameron Matthews of Florida.

Also on the bill are PWL British heavyweight champ Matt 'The Hammer' Mentzer, 'Butcher' Tom Mason, Jonny Thunder, Joey Syxx and Mad Dog Maxx.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are on sale at the club. More details on 07938 000598.

Swimmers take second

HALESOWEN Swimming Club took second spot in round two of the Nuneaton Junior League.

In home water, they put on a fine show in front of a packed spectator gallery.

Northampton dominated, but Halesowen settled into second spot from the very first event and claimed the runners-up spot overall on the night by 10 points from Stratford Sharks.

Ben Meakin was a double event winner, taking the butterfly and freestyle.

Jack Simpson won the freestyle and James Cuthbert the breaststroke.

The winning 12-year-old boys freestyle and medley relay team included Jakob Baker and Euan Vaughan-Hawkins. For the girls, Lily Merrell won the age 11 and under breaststroke.

Result: Northampton A 287, Halesowen 193, Stratford Sharks 183, Pershore 143, City of Hereford 123, Wyre Forest 121.



Three-goal Angie Morley shields the ball for Halesowen

Morley the merrier with goals

Halesowen Town Ladies 7
Attleborough Mills 0

AN ANGIE MORLEY hat-trick saw Halesowen clinch promotion from Birmingham County Division Two.

Now the unbeaten Yeltz face a championship showdown with fellow title contenders Rushall United.

Attleborough have enjoyed a good season but were soon under pressure and the home side went ahead after just 12 minutes.

Lethal striker Rachel Letford was put through by Shannie Jennings to go one-on-one with the keeper and there

Football

was only going to be one outcome. Morley made it two with a low drive; Jennings again the provider.

Attleborough threatened, but good keeping from Hannah Tromans kept them at bay.

Halesowen upped their game in the second half and Morley scored from an inch-perfect Lyndsey Glover cross.

Chloe Harris bagged the fourth with a well-taken volley before being forced off with an ankle injury. Sian Whithall

made it five with a powerful shot. Halesowen were now in control and besieged the Attleborough goal.

Jennings went close to scoring as the ball cannoned off the crossbar.

The Yeltz made it six when Attleborough's keeper sent a goal-kick straight to Glover who volleyed it back into the empty net.

Morley then finished off the rout by completing her hat-trick on 78 minutes.

With promotion now secured, Halesowen will look to sign off in style with the title.



John Bandurak after finishing tied for top spot

Bandurak qualifies after tie with foe

JOHN BANDURAK and Stuart Boyle had another battle royale at the PGA Assistants' Championship Midlands Qualifier at Henley Golf & Country Club.

Last year Wolverhampton-born Bandurak, of Great Barr Golf Club, pipped Boyle, of The Belfry, by one shot in the same event.

But this time they could not be separated as they tied for top spot after carding two-over par rounds of 75 in bad weather.

They finished one shot ahead of Ryan Burton, of Solihull's Ladbroke Park Golf Club.

And now the pair – along with 14 other qualifiers – will play in the Assistants' £27,975 grand final, in association with Footjoy, at Coventry Golf Club on August 7-9.

Bandurak, third in last year's PGA National Four-ball Championship, returns to the final and wants to stage a stronger bid this time after failing to make the cut last year.

He said: "I'm not disappointed with my score as the rain and wind were horrendous."

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TICKET SITE BLOCK FOR FERGIE FINALE

ALBION have put a block on a ticket orders website for Sunday's clash with Manchester United.

The club are worried that Red Devils fans are trying to buy tickets in home areas for the 4pm match – Sir Alex Ferguson's final one in charge of the club.

The block is on official ticket exchange partner viagogo. No orders lodged on the site after 8am on Wednesday, May 8 – around the time that United confirmed Sir Alex's retirement – will be honoured by Albion.

A club spokesman said: "The club joined forces with viagogo at the start of the season to enable season ticket holders to sell their seat to another Albion fan when they cannot make a game. The club verifies all such sales before tickets are distributed."

"Within minutes of Manchester United announcing Sir Alex's retirement, there was a huge spike in orders being placed on viagogo."

Safety
"With Manchester United's help, we have identified that the vast majority of these orders were lodged by United season ticket holders/members."

"Therefore, we will not be honouring any ticket orders lodged after 8am on Wednesday, May 8."

"This is in keeping with all terms and conditions which stipulate that the club reserves the right not to honour orders from buyers that are suspected to be opposition fans. The safety of fans is paramount."

Albion are also reminding fans that Stilecards and match tickets should only be sold, assigned or transferred to another Albion supporter with the prior written consent of the club.

"I am sure that the vast majority of our supporters

by Steve Madeley

will keep their tickets and come and get behind the team – like they do at every home game.

"However, we are monitoring all potential platforms – like eBay – where there is the potential for tickets to fall into the wrong hands."

"Anyone who sells their ticket for a price greater than face value without the consent of the club is regarded as 'ticket touting', which is a criminal offence."

Meanwhile, Baggies boss Steve Clarke hopes Sir Alex may feel a backlash after Albion's 4-0 thrashing at the hands of Norwich. He urged his side to put smiles back on their fans' faces.

Sir Alex will manage his 1,500th and final United game at The Hawthorns.

But Clarke has stressed the Baggies have their own priorities after their Carrow Road defeat.

"We were way off the mark," said Clarke. "I could only apologise to the supporters because they went a long way and deserved a better performance."

"We need to try to finish off the season well and put a smile back on everybody's face."

Undeclared Hawks soar to take the league title



All smiles as Halas Hawks Under-11s West celebrate their goal-laden Division Two championship success

Boys League
Trysull Tigers U11 West 1
Halas Hawks U11 West 1

A GOAL from Burhaan Siddiqi gave Halas Hawks Under-11s West a draw in their final game of the season and ensured that they won the Division Two title.

Unbeaten Halas finished the campaign with 16 wins and four draws from their 20 matches and boasted a goal difference of plus 96.

Josh Wyman was their player of the match against Trysull.

Kewford Eagles U16 1 Halas Hawks U16 3
Halas took the Stourbridge League Cup final at the Dell Stadium with a fine victory against a spirited Kewford Eagles side.

Halas went 3-0 up with a goal from Dan Willetts and a Rhys Boswell double. But Kewford pulled one back with 10 minutes to go.

However, Halas stayed in control to take the victory.

They now need one point from their final two matches to secure the league and cup double.

Halas Hawks U15 2 Oldswinford Youth U15 1
Dominic Hipkiss broke the deadlock in Halas' final game of the season. Oldswinford equalised, but the Hawks found a fine winner from Deon Patel.

Girls League
Bustleholme U15 0 Halas Hawks U15 5

Halas completed their season with a fine away victory. There were two goals each for Kayleigh Pomfret and Amy Blakemore while Mia Bell, whose earlier effort was a contender for miss of the season, bounced back to round off the scoring.

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